

committee amendments because I do think it makes the bill a little better. But I'm going to oppose the bill when we get to that issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to respectfully disagree with Senator Hall. You don't necessarily have to drink alcohol when you go into a bar, Senator Hall. In fact, I know those mothers who wish to become pregnant and are pregnant who can still go with the group into the bar, they don't have to order alcohol, they certainly have a lot of other options. What we are trying to do, with the notice provision, is kind of like the cigarette warning. As you pointed out, the smoker who buys the pack is warned, but that has had a great impact on the number of smokers in the United States and has gone down every year. Less smokers every year. It is because it was a point of discussion, because it is before you every time you see that cigarette package that many people have quit and that many pregnant women consciously stop smoking, stop drinking while they are pregnant. It is a certain amount of awareness. I certainly didn't know this when I was carrying my children. And even an intelligent, with it senator, like Senator Scofield, admitted that it is only when it is shown to you and demonstrated to you that you become aware of the preventable cause of mental retardation. So, with that, I support the amendment and certainly agree with Senator Hartnett that it should be in all of those places and hope that you will consider, true, maybe a small impact, but any impact will be helpful to the cause of mental retardation and the other problems that accompany the fetal alcohol syndrome. With that, I urge your support for this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to just expand a little bit on what Senator Pirsch, I think, has already started on and again reiterate what a good bill I think this is and how cost-effective it is, in fact, even though we've heard it is not. A few years ago we had a special education study and one of the most interesting things that was shown to us, at a retreat that we had, was a video tape with a doctor up at the Med Center, I hope I'm correct about his name, I think it was Dr. Buehler. My apologies to the doctor, if I'm incorrect.