

Senator Hall is probably right, we should do more in high schools. In fact, one of the things that we talked about at the time was this video tape should be shown in all high schools. And one of the things that particularly struck me at the time was that there was a fetus that you could see at eight weeks that had already...was going to have a birth defect as a result of alcohol. I think that's what really hit home with me. A relatively easy thing to prevent, and it is simply too late when you go to the doctors' office, assuming you even get prenatal care, which a good many women do not, but assuming you do, perhaps given that kind of information you may not even know you are pregnant. On the other hand, if you are hoping to become pregnant, and you are being a little careless, it is devastating and there is hard and fast graphic evidence there the kind of damage that can occur. So I think again that this is a good bill and it deserves to be passed. I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Scofield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: You know we've been doing all this talking, and I think we sort of got the horse before the cart here because I didn't even get an opportunity to talk about the simple bill that I'm proposing. That bill is so simple as simply to say to retail outlets for liquor establishments, please post this sign, and I'm showing it to all of you now, if anyone is interested in looking at it. It just simply says, warning, drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects. You know I don't think that is much to ask of anyone. They are not going to have a cost, there is going to be no charge to them. It's as simple as having this come to them in the mail from the Liquor Commission, taking a thumb tack and sticking it up on the wall. Now if that is too much time, effort and whatever else you want to call it that the retailers are concerned about, I guess I don't have too much sympathy for them, because I can tell you that if any of those people have seen some of the birth defects that have resulted because of the alcohol syndrome, then I think that they would be very, very much supportive of doing anything that they could, even as small as this, to try to prevent one more child from being born at a tremendous loss to that family, heartache, heartbreak, and the cost to society over the life of that child. You know, I've got so many points I could talk about here, we haven't even been able to bring up the...bring it