

to the point where we talk about the bill yet, and here we are on amendments to kill the bill and everything else I hear is coming up. By the way, this is part of an education effort. It is only a part of it. ARC has taken the time and expense from their organization to put together a packet which includes something that will go into high schools for young people, so that is being done as a part of this whole education concern that they do have; three pieces of publication for them to put out in a high school for young people. It's a part, only a part, and I know this is a small part. But, people, how can you sit here and be concerned and vote against something that may save a child from becoming mentally retarded? As simple as sticking up a sign that doesn't cost a retailer a cent. If they have a lot of signs on their wall, what is one more sign going to do, and in the hope that some friend or family member of a pregnant woman or a woman who may become pregnant some day will receive enlightenment and will know that, hey, she shouldn't drink when she's pregnant.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You were using Senator Scofield's balance of time, Senator Smith, and in the natural order yours is the next light. Senator Smith, would you care to continue on your own time?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, we're talking about the amendment and I would have saved all of my discussion for the bill itself. But it seems as though, as I said, we've gotten the horse ahead of the cart and we're discussing the bill before we ever get to it here with the amendments. The amendment simply was to remove the requirement for retailers to have to pay the cost of printing the sign that would be hung in their establishment, and, by the way, mailed to them at not their expense. That is what the amendment simply does. But I would go on then and just tell you that it is simply posting a sign. It's a part of an education program. There is all kinds of evidence we know. We can talk about the number of incidences that have occurred in Nebraska. In 1986, alone, they know that there were 84 cases of fetal alcohol syndrome, and the devastation to the lives of those people. It costs approximately \$40,000 a year for a child to be cared for in Beatrice. Over the life span of that child they estimate that it would cost about \$2 million to society to care for that child. Even if you forget the heartache and the heartbreak and the loss to the life of the child and to the family, you still have the cost of caring for these children. And such a small thing as this, to save even one life, should be