

well worth it. I guess I implore the members of this body to think very seriously about this vote. What appears to some people to be a funny issue, it's not something that is funny. This is life and death, actually, for some people.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Continued discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Nelson, Crosby and Wesely. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As a member of this committee, I listened to all the testimony and share the concerns of people involved that have had the problem of the alcoholic syndrome child. At the same time, I wonder a little if doing this might be a little redundant, especially in light of the fact that very soon every alcoholic beverage container must carry upon it, as part of its label, warnings to this effect. I have mixed emotions, but I felt the body should be in full debate on the issue and supported its advance to the floor. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it's a hard act to follow, following Senator Smith's proposal. I have a real problem sometimes with this body when you can sit back and so nonchalantly maybe cave into special interests or so on. When you are talking about children's lives, or you are talking about something like this, only visit some of the places where there are children that have suffered from this. It's only a small thing to ask. As Senator Smith has said, there are many, many signs up there. I know what Senator Elmer is talking about. Is it redundant, do we need it? That sign is soon going to be on the bottle of alcohol. Let's go back to the little bill that you're going to be hearing soon giving away smokeless tobacco. Again, we will suffer from the same problem on that bill, as Senator Smith is suffering on this bill right now. That is on the smokeless tobacco, it doesn't stop still giving it to the kids and the harm that is done. I won't go on that today, but it is still back down to the same thing, where is our priorities, what do we consider? And the thousands of dollars and the heartache that it tells to keep, if you can just save one child. And I know that we all saw pictures down here in Room 1517 a couple of years ago, how the effect on that child, from the time it's conceived and when their brain is formed. I wholeheartedly support Senator Smith and I know she means it