

postpone LB 70. Senator Smith, as introducer, would have the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, your wishes, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Deal with the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith says deal with the bill. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: I move we indefinitely postpone LB 70 because I feel it is posted in the wrong places. It should be posted in the offices of medical doctors, chiropractors and osteopathic physicians.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 70? Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I was going to speak to the bill, but since we are talking about the indefinite postponement motion this may be my one and only opportunity to talk about it. But I voted for this bill out of committee with some reluctance. But, in the meantime, I have contemplated that vote a lot and have come to the conclusion that I made the right decision, and that I believe that in this particular case, as Senator Smith and other speakers have pointed out, one, we're not asking a great deal out of the establishment owners in posting this particular sign; and, two, it may help those individuals who, one, either do not know of this particular problem; or, two, who do not receive prenatal care and cannot afford to be informed about something in this line with their doctor. So, as I said to the lobbyist from the beverage association, I felt that his arguments were rather weak in opposing the bill. And, as I've said, the more I thought about this particular proposal the weaker that argument gets. It is not something that is that difficult, as Senator Smith has pointed out, to post this rather small sign which may or may not be read by the inhabitants of that establishment, but it at least gives an opportunity for public awareness of a very significant problem that could happen during the course of a pregnancy. So I strongly support the bill and I definitely will vote against the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Smith, pursuant to our recent rule change, I'm sorry I did not