

recognize you first as having the option to speak to the kill motion. Proceed, if you wish.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to let the body know that testimony from the lobbyist representing the Retailers Association in testimony stated to us this is too much to ask of the retailers, too much time, energy and expense to ask. He actually said those words. And now we have someone who has brought an IPP motion on the bill, evidently assuming that it's too much to ask of retailers also. You know, we ask all types of people in society to do things under government regulations. We are making motorcyclists wear helmets now for safety purposes. We're doing all kinds of things. We have to stop at stop signs for our own safety sake. The stop sign tells us to stop. This little sign will tell pregnant women stop, don't drink alcohol when you are pregnant. That is absolutely all it does, and there is no cost to the retailers. I can't understand the big fight that is coming from that segment of the lobbyists. I'm really distressed by this. You know that we live in a time when alcohol and tobacco are being promoted as something that is very glamorous for young people. I can give you some information that tells you that we are seeing an increasing number of teenage pregnancies and teens who use alcohol. In fact, I have some statistics here that tell us that, according to McDonald's Corporation, the average age of beginning alcohol use is 12.5. The National Council on Alcoholism has said that nearly 100,000 10 and 11-year-olds get drunk at least once a week. The Department of Commerce shows that there were 239,000 pregnancies of girls between the ages of 14 and 18 in 1985. Given these estimates, how can we not do everything that we possibly can do to help to give someone some information, it may be incidental, it may be something that makes a mark in their mind and will keep that woman from having a child that some day will have some kind of a deficiency because they weren't informed. I would hate to have it on my conscience that I would be willing to stand here and not only talk against something like this but to vote against something that may save a young life.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Robak, yours is the next light in the speaking order. Would you care to take the floor?

SENATOR ROBAK: I just wanted to say that I did have no lobbyist, there was no lobbyist approach me one way or the other on this bill. It was simply my own opinion that when a pregnant