

your light is on, would you care to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, on the amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I was going to call the question, but I think it's too soon. Again, I'll go back to my smokeless tobacco. I don't think it does much good, it all helps to put it on that bottle. The only thing I think they read in the...on that bottle is what the alcohol content is, whether it's 11 or 101 percent. I am going to vote against the Hall amendment. I know he offered it in good faith, but, again, I think that is something that everything helps, but it isn't going to answer the concern here. It will not be observed. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, would you care to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I would. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I stand to oppose the sunset amendment offered by Senator Hall. My reason for opposing that sunset amendment is to, first of all, tell you that I am as aware as he and anyone else in this room already is aware of the fact that the requirement to post it on the alcoholic containers is to become fact by November 18th. I guess, as far as I'm concerned, that when you read a sign on a bottle by that time, in fact, yes, you do have the bottle in your hand and you're probably already drinking. This, as I've said before, is simply a deterrent, it's part of an educational process. And, you know, I know we can't do everything, we can't be all, do all for everyone, but this is a very simple little thing that we can do to try to help people who are not informed, uninformed at this point in time. The point that I'm trying to make is that the pregnant woman is not the person that I'm necessarily aiming this bill at. I'm aiming it at not only the woman, but her husband, or her boyfriend, or her friends. They also go into bars, not the woman who already is pregnant, or a woman, a young woman who some day will become pregnant, having read this sign may be informed. I don't mean to infer that anyone here, and, Senator Robak, I hope you didn't take it that way when I made the statement about the lobbyists' concerns out there in the Rotunda, but there is a lobbyist pressure here. The retailers do not want to do this. I guess that I don't think too very much about retailers at this point in time if this is such a big thing to them to have to do. They