

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As the Clerk read to you, and as you have passed out on your desk right now, this amendment would add the specific language to LB 70 that would require the posting of the signs that LB 70 allows for in the offices of medical doctors. The issue, as has been laid out for us in LB 70, is one of informing the public, informing folks who are going to be dealing with alcohol and informing them on an ongoing basis. Many individuals, specifically young ladies, attend or go to the doctor regularly in their formative years and they are there, they would see those signs where they would not be in a tavern or a bar. It only makes sense that a doctor be responsible for passing this information along. I mean I don't have a problem putting part of the burden on the retailer. The federal government has said that they are, through the act that they have passed that goes into effect November 18 of this year, that they are going to require the bottlers to provide a warning label on all bottles or cans that are distributed after that date. We in Nebraska decided, through LB 70, that we are going to have the signs in retail and wholesale dis... or retail, off-sale and on-sale establishments. So it only makes sense that if we continue the line of thought that says we should educate the public and we do that by, as the arguments were laid out on General File, continually putting this in front of them, then I think it only makes sense that the issue of placing the sign in a medical doctor's office is one that is justified, because these are the people that need to keep these young folks informed of the situation, the problems that fetal alcohol syndrome may cause them. I think that the first place that they are going to go, once they find that they are soon to be expectant mothers, is not the tavern but to the doctor's office, and to have the sign there that makes them aware of potential problems, should they ingest alcohol, that they be made aware of it once they walk in the door. With that, I offer this amendment. I urge the body to return LB 70 to Select File to adopt this specific amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, then Senator Smith, then Senator Chambers. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I oppose this amendment. I definitely disagree. By the time the girls get to the doctor's office it is too late. It's the time that they are