

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR HALL: But I would rise, Mr. President, members, to say that it is a serious amendment because I don't think that Senator Nelson understood that this does not wipe out the fact that the signs would still be posted in those establishments. All it does is add medical doctors' offices to that. As far as a tortured existence for this bill, Senator Chambers, there was no discussion of it on Select File. Had I been here on that day I would have offered this amendment as opposed to offering it on Final Reading. But, again, as you clearly state and know that the rules are the rules and my options are mine, I guess, according to those rules. The argument with regard to the fact that doctors should educate women who come to them when they are pregnant about the issue of fetal alcohol syndrome is a correct one. But the fact is that at the hearing, when we heard this bill in front of the General Affairs Committee, there was testimony to the fact, by doctors, that their colleagues do not do this. Senator Smith knows that. Senator Smith testified to that effect on General File, when we discussed this bill. The problem is that those who should be doing the educating are not doing it. They are also the ones that don't want to see this amendment adopted as well, to be quite honest with you. The last people that want to do this are the doctors because they don't want to be accused of not doing what they should, as those who have opposed this amendment so far said they should be doing, and that is to educate those people as to the problems that they may face, because Senator Chambers is clearly correct, alcohol is a drug. Society has said that it is a drug that we accept, we will sell, we will tax, Senator Chambers, and we have agreed to say that this drug, in this case, is all right. But when it comes to the issue of how do we warn people about the effects of that drug, we lay the blame at the doorstep of the retailer, and we say that those are the people who must be solely responsible for providing the information to pregnant people. Senator Nelson would have you believe that only pregnant women go into a tavern and only pregnant women who are going to be on ADC, down the road. Well, I don't believe that. I think that there are a number of pregnant women who don't go to the tavern, and the first place they may end up is the doctor's office and they will be notified by seeing the posting of this sign. It's clear that there probably is not much support for this amendment, but I would at least like to leave it for a vote for the return to Select File, because I think