

And you're quite right, this was an accommodation to the restaurants who wanted to be able to brew their beer, kind of a novelty thing where people could sit around and drink beer and watch beer being made while they waited for their table. At least that was what I took from that debate that year. As a matter of fact, I think my name was on that brewpub bill because I had amended it with another...another bill of mine. But to do away with the keg registration, I think, is untimely and premature. As Senator Lindsay pointed out, we do not have any information on why exactly this has not been effective. And I believe the people of PRIDE, and MADD, and several other children's groups came down to support this because, quite frankly, they were up in arms over "keggers" that were being so freely available in the summer. I did have an adult man tell me that he didn't like to fill out those forms, and that he didn't particularly think it was bad that kids had "keggers," and he didn't want to fill out that form. And I said, well, that was the whole point of that law was to make adults responsible who were doing the purchasing and making that beer available for underage beer drinkers. So I strongly, strongly oppose taking that out of our law. And the points that Senator Lindsay has made as far as why are brewpubs now wanting to avoid the safety in the law, the restrictions we have in the law for a brewery and make another set of laws which I suppose would make it easier for them. But is that really better? Is that fairer? I have great reservations about that. But I have no reservations about voting against taking our keg registration out of the law, and I will oppose and vote no on AM4434.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor. I wonder how many of the 30 or so people who voted to suspend the rules here, when we were talking about brewpubs and not getting a chance to talk about this part of the amendment, realized that this was even part of this amendment? I know there are people on this floor who supported the zero-eight bill, you know, trying to bring some sense into the drinking and driving debate. And the underage drinking debate is part of a lot of that debate that I often have with...Senator Pirsch mentioned Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, and PRIDE in Omaha, they've been very active on tobacco and alcohol for minors. And I can't imagine that the people who voted...it was the year Senator Haberman left, so it was two years ago, that the people who voted to put