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Landis, I'm not sure that that vote would be successful, so I have to chip away at it. Anybody in the liquor industry who wants to sell as much liquor as possible, keep as many licensed dealers legal as possible, is going to send the word to all of these retailers to ask the question that Senator Beutler pointed out and spent all that time discussing. Anybody who comes in, if they are as gray-haired and grizzled as I am, ask the question routinely, are you under 21, and if the person, in fact, is under 21, but denies it, then the sting is over. That's like saying every FBI agent who works undercover, if asked by a drug dealer, are you an undercover FBI agent, has to answer, yes, I am, or whatever is obtained cannot be used in evidence. Any cop doing the same thing would have to answer truthfully, yes, I'm in an undercover operation, I want to get evidence against you, I want to have you convicted and put in jail. What good is undercover? Who was the wise person, do you think, who had this language put into the bill, that you must have honest answers from these kids who are participating in the sting? I'd like to ask Senator Schellpeper a question before I jump to a conclusion.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schellpeper, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schellpeper, who suggested the language that there must be an honest response to these questions...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: This...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in this portion that I'm trying to strike relative to these compliance checks?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...this language, Senator, came from some other states that use it in their sting operations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it doesn't make sense, does it?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yeah, it does to me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, let's take you through it step by step.