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unguarded and put the money where he can get it very easily. You ought to strike this section. It is not in the best interest of the public. I will bet, if you poll the public and you ask them what kind of sting operation ought to be set up and how it should operate, and show them these guidelines, they would laugh at you, because they know the nature of a sting operation and what the purpose of it is. That which is required under Section 6 will make it impossible to monitor the sale of alcoholic beverages to those who are underage. You think these retailers don't know that a lot of guys who are 21-years-old are going to have facial hair, so all the ones that they use have to be clean-cut. The reason the FBI used to couldn't be successful, when they did undercover operations, is because, and, Senator Redfield, this is true, they had a dress code, even when they were dealing in undercover work. They could not wear facial hair, and they had to wear a suit. And they used to wonder why they stuck out and they couldn't trick anybody. Then it finally dawned on the FBI, by probably talking to a young man, like Senator Bourne, who just joined them and said, look, when you go out there in a poor neighborhood where everybody is dressing a certain way and you got a guy standing up there with a three-piece suit, standing on the street corner with a bag of marijuana, that says marijuana for sale, and then he's got his identification badge as an FBI agent hanging out of his pocket, why he can't catch nobody. Senator Schellpeper, I'd like to ask you one other question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schellpeper, will you yield once more?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many successful sting operations has the State Patrol conducted in the last year?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't recall what...several, I think, but I don't recall the exact number. I can't give you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they don't have many of them that they even conduct, do they?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Oh yeah, they have quite a few, yeah, they have a lot of them, but I don't recall the number.