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alcohol to a minor. Until recently, most retailers have believed that the book is to be used at their discretion for their protection. In fact, I had conversation with a retailer in my district, this is not off of Senator Bourne's script, but...and they were under the impression that it was already a "may" and not a "shall". I challenged them on this and I said, well, that's kind of interesting because I'm trying to do that right now with Senator Bourne's amendment and they even said, well, no, no, you must have something wrong, even our attorney said that, so it is interesting that most folks apparently believe that the...what we're trying to change it to is already the case. And, with that, I would ask the body to accept this amendment. It does change one word. It was unanimous coming out of committee. It does go to a defense which a retailer has and I would encourage people the adoption of Senator Bourne's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was the bill that we got into trouble on, on consent calendar. I, in fact, had drafted it as an amendment to this bill myself. However, I raise the same point I do on this amendment as I did before. I see the three amendments in a row here as being germane and I do not intend to object to the germaneness since I think this is germane, and if we are in dispute about that with respect to the amendment I would offer I would like to hear about it now rather than later. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, members, I just rise in support of this amendment. I think the book, its intended purpose hasn't achieved what they wanted it to, but it...if we changed the word to "may" it can still protect those who seek to use that. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I will stand in support of this amendment. You have to realize that the person who is the book, so the so-called book, is for