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fill it out. You've got to get their driver's...whatever their ID they used was, get all the numbers off of it, so on, et cetera. And I think probably this was put in as a "shall" back before the photo IDs, I would guess. That's probably the reason it was done. I don't know, but I still think that most people will require it, and I know it's an option that a retailer would like to have. So that I think as a practical matter is why we could put a "may" in there and not have to take the time to write somebody's ID down, have them sign the book and so on, if they're well over age. With that, I would yield the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Hilgert.

**SENATOR HILGERT:** Thank you. Thank you, Senator Baker, you've illuminated exactly why this bill, I believe, was brought to Senator Bourne for introduction and why the subsequent amendment to LB 267. Has any...you know, maybe other members of the body have never waited in a line, but those who have can appreciate the time it takes, if this is maintained as a "shall". And let me just read the statute, the one line: Every holder of a retailer (sic) shall maintain...okay, and anyone who they ask for an ID, each person who has furnished documentary proof of age for the purpose of making any purchase of alcoholic beverage. Anyone who has ever been carded supposedly has to sign this book, and maybe I've just been, you know, sheltered or something like that, but I've been carded before in my life and I've not always been 35, and I've never signed a book. I mean there's a practical matter here. This was made when we didn't have photo IDs. We have those now, and what you're requiring if you do not adopt this amendment is maintaining in law a requirement that every single person carded has to sign the book. And time is a factor. When you're in, for example, the convenience store industry, time is of a factor. You go to the convenience store because of the rapidity. You want to be in, you want to be out. When you're at a grocery store, why do you think they have express lanes? They don't have express lanes to take up time. They have express lanes to go faster. This is a component of service in our service economy today, the rapidity to serve the customer, and we're only making it "shall" to a "may". In a way this erodes the defense of a retailer. This makes it more, I mean this was an absolute defense, and you have