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but I don't have a big problem with it one way or the other.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to support this amendment. I think if you take away the word "shall" and put in "may" you may as well not...I agree, you may as well not have the book. But, Senator Hilgert, and I'm not asking you a question, but, yes, I've stood in line. I stand in line at the grocery store. I stand in line for confessions. I stand in line for the rest room at sporting events because they never build enough for women. So, yes, I've stood in line. That is not a point. So you can't stand in line for a few minutes. Say the rosary or think about the bills you owe or think about your children and name all the people in your family while you're waiting there. Say hello to the person ahead of you. Why is it so terrible to have to stand in line so someone might sign that book who is not legal and the retailer and the liquor enforcement can catch up with them? I'm against this amendment. I just don't understand why you think you have to bring it again. It had it's day on consent calendar and you found out that it wasn't a good amendment. So let it go. The liquor lobby, this points up how strong the liquor lobby is in this Legislature. No matter what comes along, that liquor lobby can influence enough people so you can hold up legislation with these amendments. And I understand what the retailers are up against. My father had a liquor store. I've been there, folks. I know what goes on. Now one of the things he always said and told me was that the inspections, the regulations, the people that came around to be sure everything was going well helped him run a good store because he could say, no, because they say I cannot do this. So what's so difficult about that in the liquor industry? I never will understand that. And he never, ever had a violation ever. So I'm getting a little wound up here because supposedly we were going to be, at six o'clock we were going to be finished. Well, I might as well talk about it. My adrenaline is up on the liquor issue. I can't even get .08 out of Transportation Committee because a few people are afraid they might not be able to have a glass of wine with dinner and then go out and drive, which is so ridiculous I can't even be...laugh about it anymore. It's ridiculous. So what's the point here? Why are we taking all this time on this amendment? Let's get