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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Your light is on, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Did I do something wrong?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Do you care to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: It must be April Fool. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, my light, I must have pushed it inadvertently.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Again, this is not a nefarious bill. This is a simple bill. To the best of my knowledge, this was brought to Senator Bourne by people who own grocery stores, people who own convenience stores. It is an absolute defense that they're whittling away, that you would almost seem that you'd want to support this, if you want to...if you're somehow wanting to increase the penalties and so forth, and the opportunities to get someone in trouble or something like that with a retailer license. In 1969, we didn't have photo IDs. I even heard my big brothers, of course, they were all law-abiding citizens, so this never happened, as far as Xeroxing or thermofaxing (phonetic), I think they called it back then, and taking Chee-tos and rubbing because I think they used to be orange, to make fake IDs. And, again, of course my family would never participate in this, and my two good brothers would never do anything like this, but I heard rumors to that effect. We have photo IDs now. This is an absolute defense, that they are just creating a "may" to...or a "shall" to a "may". And, you know, for the life of me, I do think it serves a purpose to say that, you know, this should be a "may" and not a "shall" in regarding the expeditious sale of products. If any of you remember, back then, I know Senator Smith said he supports this, you know how many times has anyone been carded and had to sign this book? Well, in the antiquated language, in 1969, it says everyone who is carded, everyone who has to produce identification has to sign this book. You know it doesn't happen. If you want to grandstand and talk about, you know, how bad alcohol is, that's great and that's fine and some folks are really strong advocates against any alcohol, and