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the body. I'm not sure what all is in this amendment yet. There's something to do with the book and I have the book. Here's the book. I had Senator Hilgert fill this out for me with Senator Vrtiska standing there and a couple others and I think they could a cleaned house while the time it took me to fill this out, but, the first place, Senator Hilgert took awhile to find his driver's license. We had to fill the thing out. I had to write all this down, as the clerk. In the meantime, people are piling up, wondering what I'm doing, and then I have to ask him to certify his age by himself, which he is overage, but I still had to fill out the book, and I think this amendment is dealing with the book also. I'm not sure, but if we're going to agree to this I guess that's the art of compromise. We're going to get the book back in here and some other things, and I'm still not happy with the amendment. Four years is a long time to hold a retailer accountable there when our turnover on our clerks, I checked, is over 100 percent per each year. It's tough to keep clerks. And I can't find it for the life of me in this book, I have the other book, Liquor Control Act book, rules and regulations, but the clerks in our area are held accountable. They pay one-half the fine, the dollar fine, so typically in our area, somebody who's been caught selling to a minor that's...and it doesn't happen very often, the clerk takes off and the retailer's held liable for the entire fine. But my point being four years is a long time. If somebody comes in and is guilty of a violation January 1st of '99 and that clerk's long gone, and I repeat our clerks turn over 100...over 100 percent per year, 4 years later, 3 years, 9 months later somebody else sells to a minor, you're still liable for that second offense and so on, and that 4 years, I'm not particularly happy with that. But until I really see what's in the amendment I guess I can't say I'm not going to support it, because this is a bill that comes back annually I guess, and we're kind of to the point it's time to solve some problems and get on with other things. But I need to point out some of the things that the retailers are liable for here now. And most of the suspensions, if you'll go through the...the monthly...I can't remember, it's monthly we get a printout from the state on suspensions and so on, violations, or whether it's every three months, but most of the suspensions are dealing...violations are dealing with license application procedures, not renewing them, failure to post warnings. We have to have warnings all over the place of