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SENATOR PREISTER: ...to come up with an amendment that we can live with, which hopefully is here now. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Engel, please.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, of course, the amendment isn't down here but I think we pretty well understand what it is. But I have a question for Senator Landis and in the bill, on the first page, on 19, line 19, the commission, in its discretion, may order that the license be required to suspend sales of alcohol liquor for a period of time not to exceed, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Is that still in the bill?

SENATOR LANDIS: (Microphone not activated immediately.) (Inaudible) discretionary power of the commission. It is not a mandatory application.

SENATOR ENGEL: So we are not mandating the commission to do this. It's still at their discretion, but they have the power to do it now then...

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...if this bill is passed.

SENATOR LANDIS: They have the power to use this or they have the power to fine or they have the power that they can mix the two.

SENATOR ENGEL: And then secondly...

SENATOR LANDIS: But if they use this, it is discretionary, not mandatory.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you very much. And then, secondly, I've always felt, as so many before me have mentioned tonight, that there should also be a penalty for the juvenile that is purchasing the liquor. I don't think it should be all upon the...only the retailer should be penalized. I also agree with