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programs. They're putting the minors on diversion programs. It's a problem and I don't have the answers. I don't know if anybody has the answers, and I'm, not sure this amendment or this bill is the answer to what we're looking at. I wish they would carry out more of the prosecutions, but I do know from experience we have raised the penalties on minor in possession and procuring alcohol to the point that rather than go to court they go hire a defense attorney. As soon as the defense attorney gets involved, the county attorney would rather reduce the charge or go some other way rather than go to court and argue the case. And so I'm not sure what I'm going to do with this yet today but I just wanted to stand up, I guess, and voice my opinion on really what's going on out there, and I think the people need to take a look at what's going on out there, and maybe address the problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Baker, followed by Cudaback, Hartnett, Brashear, Janssen, Engel, and Landis. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The retailers out in my country, I know, they try hard not to sell to minors. They don't do this as a practice, and Senator Landis says we should be worried. The retailers are worried, and he points out a very valid fact that these clerks are also liable for tobacco sales, lottery sales, you name it, and part of our problem with such a turnover of clerks is they are liable for a lot of these things, and as I think I said last time this bill was up, our turnover rate on clerks out in any convenience store situation is over 100 percent. You just cannot keep these people. We do give them the training tapes provided by the liquor folks to...we require clerks to watch and question them with and, of course, the question was brought up about scanners for driver's license. There's a cost added to that but I don't know how many of you still have this summary of alcohol compliance checks Senator Landis passed out last time we were discussing this bill, but what's really scary is out of the number of checks, noncompliance, 56 percent of the noncompliance sales, the ID was checked and then the sale was gone ahead and made. That's what retailers fear the most is the clerk that checks these licenses and then goes ahead and makes the sale. It's tough, tough to screen those clerks to do a better job. It