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to enforce without some sort of written record. And so the question is, should we have this in the books at all if we're giving the impression that it's something enforceable when it really will never be enforced, or is there some value to it that would come from merely having to show your identification when you go to a store? I would submit that whatever transitory value there may be to that would soon wear off in the face of a growing knowledge that we have a law that would be basically unenforceable. And so the question I want to pose is, shouldn't we go the other direction and create a logbook which would make it more enforceable and more of a deterrent? And shouldn't we go a step further and have a central data bank with the State Patrol where they could quickly look at what was being purchased at different seller points and really have an effective way of monitoring this law? So that's basically the issue. If we can...if we can make it more effective, that's what we should do, and we need to balance, as we look at this. If a law is effective then, of course, it has great weight. If the law is ineffective then how do we...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...justify consumer inconvenience and product seller inconvenience for a law that may not be effective at all? That's the question that I want to explore with the Judiciary Committee and with you on the floor, with the end in mind of figuring out a way we can do more. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM1181, which is an amendment to the committee amendments to LB 117. Open for discussion on that amendment of Senator Beutler's. Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members, I rise in strong support of LB 117. I'll speak a little bit about Senator Beutler's amendment first, if I...while I got a chance. Actually, we considered all that. That was in the green copy, as you've stated, and for various reasons, you know, we compromised it out of it. Simply, one of the simple reasons, of course, was we want to make sure we can get something passed. We need to get something passed this year and this...that seemed