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Senator Beutler raised some important issues. The problem with what Senator Beutler said is that really, even his proposal is neither fish nor fowl, because if you have, as Senator Chambers very clearly pointed out, a logbook that...where the information is that which is provided by the purchaser, that information may not be usable, even if you do have a database. So you're going to have to have some technology that is going to allow you to capture that information and have that be reliable. And then, you have...I believe that in the same way we have discussions about DNA and capturing that information without probable cause, I think we're going to have to have discussion, if we had the ability and the process in place to create a databank, how that databank is used. And Senator Beutler would propose that that databank be used to find individuals that are purchasing more than the appropriate amount, across the board in many different stores. It may be that we would restrict the use of the database that we could potentially create, only for prosecutorial purposes. And in that case, you would have to have some sort of a reliable mechanism for capturing the information. I have a bill that I will speak of -- Senator Chambers may start gasping for breath--that would allow the capturing of information that we have on the digital drivers' licenses, for the purposes of age verification, and we could use the same, same thing for this bill, in creating a databank. But I would not feel comfortable in having that be for purposes of, without probable cause, just being able to look through the databank. I do think that there is a great deal of merit, and there would be some element of...that it would be preventative, if it were restricted to prosecutorial purposes. And I would suggest that we might want to continue this discussion at some point in the future, but I think that at least we... I mean, I do believe, if we're going to talk about the logbook, we have to talk about exactly what we want to come from the logbook. And I do think that the logbook, in the way that it was proposed, presented some problems. I think the technology is there if we choose to utilize it, and if we had...

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