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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Realistically, what we have here with this amendment just is so that the State Patrol law enforcement can hopefully come up with a plan and present the plan to who? To the Judiciary Committee next year, next January. What is the Judiciary Committee? It's a member of the legislative body. They are the ones that will make a decision whether it should be proceeding any further from that, so they have an opportunity. It's just to give the State Patrol some authority to try to develop a plan, whether that's going to work. Is it going to work or not? Maybe not, but it's not saying that we're doing it right today. And there is another chance to say no to it if it doesn't look right. But I want to get into it a little bit more, and when Senator Kopplin was discussing his comments, that he think it's private, what have we got today? Say a 21-year-old wants to go buy a keg of beer. He goes to the establishment to buy a keg of beer. What does he have to do? Show his identification. He has to sign for that keg. He signs for that keg so they know who bought that keg, in case something does happen down the road, who is responsible for that keg of beer. They sign it. They get a refund for the keg when they bring it back. Is it just a keg of beer? It's also these little pony kegs, these little, I don't know what they are, enough for two or three people to drink, but you have to sign for those two. Is that an inconvenience? Sounds like it is, but we're doing it right now. So I think we're thinking that we don't want anybody to know anything what's going on, but it's in the law right now with alcohol. What is alcohol? Alcohol is a drug. You buy a keg; you sign for it. Do you sign somebody else's name? Maybe some of them do, but there is a record of when that is going out. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Beutler, followed by six others. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, I know you're visiting, but did you wish to speak? If you do, you're recognized.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, thank you. I just wanted to indicate that I do have some sensitivity to Senator Chambers' concerns and, yet, in a way, I should never use this word with