

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just want to rise and just give a little bit of my understanding of how this bill would work. And I do support the concept Senator Haberman is trying to move this body forward. But I, frankly, can tell you the only way you'll stop these sorts of purchases is if you have a Liquor Control Commission that will get off its duff and do something about it. You 'now, the real problem is that you've got a Liquor Control Commission who considers when minors purchase alcohol is no big deal. Why don't you...why don't you have the guts to stand up and say, if a minor purchases alcohol and a liquor establishment is licensed, they shall lose the right to operate for 30 days. No fine, no nothing. You know, if you want to do it, do it. This will not do anything. This will not do it. This might be something nice we can say we've accomplished something. This will not do anything, and I'll tell you why. The minors aren't purchasing the beer, and if they are, the books, the statutes on the books right now, if they're enforced, if they're enforced, are sufficient. If a minor purchases alcohol in keg form, or in can form, or in bottle form, you can cite that guy, you can cite the owner, you can cite the licensee. But what happens when you cite him? Nothing! Nothing! They might fine him, they might close him for three days, they pay a fine and they go about their business. They consider it the cost of doing business. If you're serious about teenage drinking, then have the guts to stand up and say, Liquor Control Commission, you shall close a business for 30 days. Just stand up and do it. Don't put something there that makes us feel good. This will accomplish absolutely nothing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Haberman, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will close. And beings as Senator Will