

body. I, too, rise in support of this motion. I think and I spoke earlier, that anything that we can do to help this situation, we should follow up on. And I think what Senator Haberman is trying to do is commendable, and I would hope that the rest of the body would stand behind and support this reconsideration motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Madam President, members of the body, I think maybe I was a little hard on Senator Haberman the other day. And out of my frustration with dealing with this issue for seven years as county attorney in Dakota County, I guess maybe I took it out on him. I'm not...I'm not convinced that this will solve a problem. Frankly, I'm unconvinced that this is the way to do it. I am a little concerned about the sticker. It...the statute says, or the amendment will say anyone who unlawfully tampers with, alters, removes, I'm not sure how you're going to be able to substantiate whether a person has unlawfully removed a sticker or whether it has come off somehow. And I can guarantee you, if this keg is at a...in a tub of ice at a beer party, the odds are pretty good that that sticker is going to come off. But we're going to have a very difficult time showing how that sticker came off, whether it just accidentally got water on it and came off, or whether somebody unlawfully removed the sticker and it came off. And, frankly, in order for you to be successful in a prosecution for violation of that provision, or to retain the deposit, you have to show that the sticker was unlawfully removed. The real point that I was trying to make the other day is that if you are trying to get at the...really the source, which is preventing the buying of keg beer or any other kind of liquor, in this case keg beer by minors at the point of sale, that's when you have to do something about it. And there's two people that can stop that. There's the minor who decides not to buy, and there's the retailer who decides not to sell. Now, we've got a system in this state that is...it's "cutsey", because what we do is we say, you guys can really sell, if you want to, and if you get a liquor violation, well we'll give you five days suspension. But you can pay for that suspension, so you can continue to remain open. I mentioned to some people out in the lobby that what we ought to do is put a provision that says if you sell in violation of the laws to a minor, you get a 30-day suspension and you don't get to pay that, you've just got to close up. And they all just about had