

Nebraska's contact with the Nebraska Conference of State Legislators. Would you please rise and be recognized by our Legislature today. Thank you for being with us. Now, we will proceed with Senator Haberman's amendment. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the body, to start out, I would like to read a paragraph of a letter from the Washington State Liquor Control Board. The last paragraph says, while this system is not a "pancrea" for all problems related to illegal use of alcohol by minors, it certainly goes a long way toward stemming keg parties, which traditionally has created more problems than another form of consumption. Senator Hartnett, if you'd like to see this letter, please come over. The law enforcement people in the State of Washington used the keg identification label in two cases to track the sale of kegers to an adult who furnished it to minors, who later were involved in a fatal traffic accident after a keg party. So what this bill is trying to do, it's not...it's not going to solve everything. But it's a deterrent. People, we had testimony that they tap somebody on the shoulder, they'll buy keg beer for them, they give somebody 10 bucks, they'll go buy beer for them, they'll think twice in my opinion. Now the amendment becomes the bill. We removed that the kegs will be marked with a black light and identified through a black light, that is good, I'm glad we removed that. The Liquor Control Commission, our Liquor Control Commission will decide what type of identification to use. One method that is currently being used is the State of Washington's, which is the booklet which we have talked about, which I have a sample. This identification has been used in Washington for a year and a half with no complaints, I repeat no complaints from beer wholesalers, distributors, or retailers, according to the Washington State Liquor Control Board, no complaints whatsoever. All of them agree that it's a deterrent. We have eliminated...okay, I told you that. However, by incorporating Senator Beutler's amendment into this amendment, the licensee would still be required to report to law enforcement if the keg was tampered, altered or removed if the licensee desires to keep the keg deposit. Now someone wants to beat the system, if a retailer does not want to identify the keg, there's nothing we can do about that. If we're not there at proper inspections, we can't do anything about identifying that keg. Some of them are going to try to beat the system (inaudible) going to do this. Well, we have clarified Section 4 so that it reads any person who unlawfully tampers with, alters or removes the identification number after such container has