

on this floor in what I presume for them is good conscience and say this product must be made available to the children. And you've got to protect the people who are going to make it available to the children by not imposing too harsh a punishment. This is one, Senator Moore and Senator Will, where whether or not the punishment is imposed is up to the distributor, to the dispenser, to the one who has the machine. Let the machine be placed somewhere so that it will always be under the observation of the person or an employee who works in that establishment. Put it behind the counter, if you have to, if you must sell the cigarettes from the machines and you think that minors will purchase. Then put it someplace, at least inconvenience these people who want to sell the products to our children. All this amendment says is that it's within the control of the one with the liquor license as to whether or not they will be punished. We were told, when Senator Moore's amendment was being adopted, that these machines are supervised, that they're not just out there where youngsters can get at them. Now we're being told by Senator Moore and Senator Will that it's likely that these young people are going to get these machines and because it's likely we don't want to punish the one with the liquor license. They can't have it both ways. All this amendment would make those people who want to use these machines do is exercise prudence. It's clear that concern for our children will not be an adequate deterrent to prevent them from making the cigarettes available to our children, but the possibility of loss of a liquor license will. So we're putting the two side by side. Choose you this day which is more important, the liquor license or the welfare of our children. There is a requirement in the statute that a person who holds a liquor license in this country, in this state, have good moral character. And I wrote a little rhyme last year saying, I don't see what good moral character has to do with selling liquor. No connection whatsoever. In fact, good moral character would prevent a person, in my opinion, from selling liquor. But liquor is not really the issue here this morning.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: It is this killer of men, women and children. You're talking about putting an additional tax on cigarettes so that there can be cancer research. You know that these things are going to kill people, cause the most devastating illnesses