

dollars we can talk about that but I don't want to talk about the dollars all the time. I want to talk about the health of the young men and women of this state. This is not an unreasonable piece of legislation. I think it is the obligation of the Legislature to do these things. You notice there is no evidence in the intent of opposition by the Nebraska State School Boards and anyone else. Normally if they find these kinds of bills prohibitive, they will be there stating their position opposed but there was no one there. I have yet to receive a letter from a superintendent or from a school board president on this piece of legislation because I believe that those men and women who administer the public schools of this state realize that this is a good piece of legislation and properly designed to protect the health of young men and women. I ask you to reject the Chambers' motion, keep the word "shall", do not allow the word "may" to be placed in the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment. I think the legislation is such that it is just a matter of common sense that this thing be done and I think probably across the state every school board and every parent is in agreement with this. Now the problem is even many times best intentions don't get fulfilled. We have the intention that we are going to get this done but we never quite get around to doing it. I think that with this type of legislation with the "shall" in it, with the penalty section in it, with the provision in it to allow people to opt out if they for religious reasons or other reasons desire to, it is a good bill and I think with this kind of direction and with this kind of impact, we are absolutely going to guarantee that the job will be gotten done, that they will accomplish what it intends to accomplish and it won't be just a matter of procrastination or putting off another day to see that it is done. I don't really think in this bill that we are mandating something that is undesirable to any school board regardless of who that school board is. I think they are all in agreement with this bill and the only reason it isn't one hundred percent complied with today is because of other pressing demands that come up and people get involved in. So I rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment. I think that Senator Koch indicated to me privately he would take care of an amendment on Select File that Senator Stoney was concerned about and I think Senator Stoney's concern is legitimate, the fact that we are putting a penalty on