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about the history of the bill. Actually it was before the Legislature last year and referenced to the Banking Committee. It was approved by the Banking Committee after accommodating a couple of amendments that were requested by the Association of Commerce and Industry and put out on the floor and then it was one of a hundred and some bills that ended up dying on the floor last year because we introduced too many bills. This year it went to the Judiciary Committee and it has been approved by the members of the Judiciary Committee and now it is out here once again, hopefully for your approval. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Fitzgerald. Do you want to close, Senator Fitzgerald?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Maybe I should recognize two others first and then let you close.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb and then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I would like to make just two points, the first one is that Senator Beutler said this is a very narrow bill which deals with only one certain particular problem. Yesterday his argument was that we should not pass bills which deal with a very narrow segment, that we should have them broad-based. So my other point is more substantial and that is that it seems to me we are talking about one particular product. Is there not other products that should be covered? For instance, I have heard that cigarette smoking after a period of time becomes injurious to your health. Maybe for a short time you don't notice it but this would be another product that maybe should be covered under it. My other point is that what does it do to the businessmen that are involved. I see that the seller is, on line 18, page 3, the seller is mentioned in the bill as one who would be liable. It seems to me that while we certainly do not want to do anything to injure the health of the people that we at the same time must have some sort of compassion or some sort of mechanism whereby the innocent seller of the product could have some recourse or could not be just absolutely put out of business because of something that happened many, many years later that he has no control over. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.