

backs of the kids. I noticed that, "For the purposes of this subsection, appropriate efforts to ascertain the age of a purchaser shall include, but not be limited to, a request, a request for the purchaser's birthdate." We had an amendment presented to us in the committee hearing the other day and, again, it did nothing but put it on the backs of the kids, and I am afraid that my good friend Bernard-Stevens and myself, our paths will cross and cross very sharply on this particular issue. I might tell you that one of the testifiers came in the other day and I will speak on this, the problems of cancer and so on, and it really stuck in my mind, how much money do you get from tobacco products or this company in your rodeo at North Platte, Nebraska. I believe the answer was somewhat less than \$10,000. Okay, the next question was, and how is that received, in caps, golf fees, and so on and so forth. At what time does this body consider \$10,000 to a rodeo, financial amount, that pittance amount when it comes to our kids and our health. We are spending millions and millions and millions of bills in tobacco related causes and this is one of them, particularly the incidence of oral cancer is so strong, but back to my point. Okay, we got \$10,000 from it. Just this last week a number of we senators took the opportunity to go to Beatrice, Nebraska. There are kids down there and men and women that have to require 24-hours a day coverage at the cost of 40, 50, 60 thousand dollars a year each, and then we actually stoop so low, really, to say we can't ban this. We are going to give it to our kids. We don't care because the tobacco company or the industry is coming along and supporting us by five or ten thousand dollars. We have to buckle into them. I am kind of like Nancy Osborne says. I shall quote from her. "I can't believe the Legislature would not support a bill that would do as much harm as this product." Children believe it will do no harm supposedly because we adults give it to them. We allow them to pick it up and give it to them, and as you know, these samples are milder and sweeter to get them addicted, and then they go into the stronger product. Also, do you know that this tobacco, in some of it, has a roughening, an abrasive agent in it, that simply roughens the mouth and the tongue and so on, so that the body digests it. This is something else from the Nebraska Department of Health, Facts about Smokeless Tobacco. "Tobacco contains cancer-causing substances known as nitrosamines, four of which are tobacco specific, as well as many others not specific to tobacco alone."

PRESIDENT: One minute.