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**SPEAKER BARRETT:** One minute.

**SENATOR NELSON:** I will have to tell you what one of the testifiers said to me during the hearing. Who is that testifying? And I had to say that is a state senator, and he is also a school teacher, and his wife is also in medicine, and yet here he is supporting smokeless tobacco. I couldn't hardly believe it. It was a little difficult for me to bring that point out but it is the truth, and I want to give you something else. This is a study in Colorado. There were 1,119 patients in this study. Ten percent of them admitted to using smokeless tobacco, 117 patients. Of that, 57 or almost half of them had some effects of that smokeless tobacco, and 50, or 42.7 of those kids, high school kids, had leukoplakia, 42 out of 100, 50 out of the total of 117, and yet we are going to cave in on an issue this important.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Time. Senator Dierks, please. Senator Dierks moves the previous question. Five hands, please. I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Debate ceases. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you care to close on your amendment?

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Oh, I think I probably do. Senator Wesely gave a nice, a good explanation I think of some of the things that happened two years ago. If I were to ask Senator Wesely if after the incident that occurred at the State Fair two years ago, if the same incidences of which the tobacco industry was, in fact, appalled had happened, if the same incidents happened again last year, he would say no. If I would ask Senator Wesely that two years ago we were having some problems of kids receiving samplings, which we did, and if I would ask him if there was a major concern that existed in the state last year, he would be saying, not that I am aware of. The point I am trying to get across is the tobacco industry has done itself, I suppose in its own self-interest, it knows that if it continues to give free samplings to minors that the writing is on the wall of what will happen to the tobacco industry. In fact, it is on the wall anyway what is happening to the tobacco