

industry. The arguments that Senator Wesely mentioned about adults, the Senator Lynch's handout on it appears to adults, I suspect, I highly suspect that of all the sampling, if you take the percentages of adults that are receiving samplings to minors that are receiving samplings, the minors are a far, far, far minority. LB 48 is going to the heart of an industry's selling a product to consenting adults, a product, Senator Nelson, that I do not agree with, but I protect the right of a free enterprise system from needless, though well-meaning government interference. A couple of other points I would like to make on the bill. Senator Landis I think pointed out some good, good points. In his middle position, I think it did a little bit to confuse some but, nonetheless, I think he was saying some very valid points, and part of the reasons why I have been really concerned with the bill all along. On the one hand if we go with LB 48 without the Bernard-Stevens amendment, we are not going to do anything in regards to minors smoking cigarettes or tobaccos, and I find it interesting that we are looking at smokeless tobacco. Why not go ahead and put in the amendments for cigarette machines as well. All cigarette machines that are in any bowling alley in the entrance way, any cigarette machine that is simply outside in a drive-in that anybody can come in and put money in and pull out and get the tobacco product that is a minor, let's go the whole way on tobacco industry. Let's shut down the minors. I wish we could. I don't think this body would do that because it would violate certain standards of free enterprise systems and regulation. Maybe we would, and maybe that is an amendment that should be offered, but we are picking on a one particular industry and I understand Senator Nelson's feelings on this, and Senator Dierks. They are very well-meaning. I wish I could be with them on this. I wish I could be with them on this because I wish that their bill would stop cancer in our youth. I wish that this bill would stop minors from smoking tobacco products or using smokeless tobacco. I wish to God their bill did that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I look at the pictures of the gentleman, of the young student that is chewing tobacco and has the cancer that has formed in their teeth and I want to cry because I have said that is so senseless in our society that we do that. I wish to God LB 48 would stop that. I wish I could support it to stop it but it will not. All we can do and the best that this body can do is to say we have a societal problem