

kill motion. Yesterday we got through a motion that would change the thrust of the thing and put the burden of liability, share the burden of liability with the youths who are actually receiving this product or anybody else for that matter, along with the tobacco industry. I think that the amendment was not passed, it was defeated, and so today we're starting over again. The purpose of the bill as I see it is very simple. It's a matter of coming up with some method of helping with the health of the youth of our state versus the greed of the tobacco industry. I think it is all that simple. I don't see any middle ground. I don't see any reason for us to even talk about other things. We're going to pursue the bill. We're going to try to get it passed as it is, get it passed intact. The amendments, as I understand, deal mostly with the age and trying to restrict the distribution to minors. We all know that this is not effective. It hasn't worked before. It has never worked in the history of this state and we can't make it work now. This type of legislation as we've introduced is very effective today in the State of Minnesota. It was challenged. It passed the challenge. It is also effective in Utah, the total ban of the smokeless tobacco products. We have had an Attorney General's Opinion that says that the bill is okay and I think that this probably brings you pretty much up to date. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have any amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have is to indefinitely postpone LB 48. It is offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Dierks...

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. President, I'll withdraw that motion at this point so that we can discuss the amendments pending, but I'll probably be filing the motion again later on today.

PRESIDENT: Okay, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Hall. Senator Hall's amendment is printed on page 525 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, you're going to handle the Hall