

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I just want to add a few things. I noticed that the State Fair has been mentioned several times in this debate and I did want to mention that we did work with the smokeless tobacco industry and they agreed voluntarily not to appear out there, and I want to commend them for that. We were having a lot of problems out there and they did come out and say that they would not appear out there anymore which we had a hard time really keeping them from actually doing that. This is a very touchy subject because we're dealing with health and I think we need to probably start out by trying first with the minors or the youngsters. They always say that you learn by doing, and if we can keep this product away from the minors, I think eventually it will grow into the adults. This amendment, even though it doesn't go far enough, is a step in the right direction. I really want to see the bill as it was presented, but if we can't get anything we at least need to get something like this amendment. I know I'm being kind of wishy-washy here but I just want to get something to protect the minors because I think we need to start there first. But I think that if we can get this bill, it will definitely help down the road. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I'm just going to take a minute because I will have another amendment pending that will speak to the issue a little bit more clearly. In speaking with Senator Hall yesterday, I just want to kind of make it clear what the amendment is trying to do and I'm, again, speaking for Senator Hall on this, so I hope I say it correctly on his behalf. We heard a lot of discussion yesterday, and by the way, this amendment was thought up and instituted by Senator Hall and we talked about it later. A lot of discussion yesterday on we want to stop the addiction process to our youth, to the minors. And there is a lot of discussion about we want to stop the oral cancer and it begins with the young and there is a lot of truth to that. What Senator Hall basically is saying with this amendment is if that is, in fact, what we want to do, then let's go ahead and change the bill to reflect that. So if the Hall amendment is agreed