

to, just so everyone is clear on it, if the Hall amendment is agreed to, what LB 48 would then do would be to stop sampling, make it illegal and to sample any product in the tobacco area on smokeless tobacco in regards to minors. Okay, now I'll be very frank with the body. If you agree with the Hall amendment that would stop sampling to minors, what you will be doing is agreeing to what already is the law in the State of Nebraska. And I think Senator Hall offered the amendment simply to get the body to focus on the attention is what we are talking about on LB 48 does not deal with minors because if you change the bill to deal totally with minors, it is the law in the State of Nebraska today. So there must be something else we're talking about and that is what we were trying to get across yesterday but in some of the confusion the point was not made as clear as possible. So hopefully that clarifies what the Hall amendment does. If you agree with the Hall amendment, the bill will stop sampling to minors, period. It would allow the companies to sell to consenting adults or to sample to consenting adults, and that is the nature of the Hall amendment and it deals, if you're concerned with the minors, then you'd want to support that particular amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I don't. Now I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President

PRESIDENT: It fails. Senator Haberman, or let's see, we'll go on to Senator Wesely next. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President, members, I rise I guess to support the Hall amendment in some ways, even though for me personally, it was exactly backwards of this that I learned my lesson not to chew tobacco. Maybe we should make it mandatory that everybody 16-years-old chew tobacco because when I was 16 out at the State Fair I got ahold of a plug, chewed it, swallowed it, got violently ill and haven't chewed it since. And so in some ways maybe we're working backwards on this, but I think what we really need to deal with is deal with the minors.