

Unfortunately, will have no effect. Those children, our children will, if they have the right motive or the wrong motives, if they have the wrong guidance, will choose to smoke, will choose to do smokeless tobacco regardless of what we do here today and that is the simple point of it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Elmer would move to amend the Bernard-Stevens amendment. (Read Elmer amendment. See page 547 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Owen Elmer, please. Just a moment, we don't have you on yet. Try us now.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. In reading Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment at the end of Section 1, it states no county, city, or village shall adopt any ordinance or regulations inconsistent with Section 1 to 4 of this act and Sections 28-1418 and 28-1419. My point here is that that particular language would make it impossible for any city or municipality in our state to make any changes less restrictive, more restrictive or in any other way that would affect the dispensing or giving away of tobacco in their municipalities. And I would say that we should allow these cities or municipalities to pass ordinances that are more restrictive than this act would allow. In other words, if a city wished to ban the giving away of smokeless tobacco products to anyone within their city limits, they could do so if this amendment is adopted that I'm offering. And it would simply change "inconsistent with" to "less restrictive than", so it would say no county, city, or village shall adopt any ordinance or regulation less restrictive than Sections 1 to 4 of this act. I'd ask for your adoption of this amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I have several lights on but I don't know if any of you wish to speak about the Owen Elmer amendment to the amendment. If you do, please raise your hand so I may call on you. If not, the question is the adoption of the Owen Elmer amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Owen Elmer...oh, Senator Stevens.