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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I have not spoken on this issue and I know absolutely nothing about it which makes me as well qualified to address it as anyone. I just want to point out that one of the things you learn around this place after 15 or 20 years is that if you want to be successful on this floor you seek out a little narrow area that is kind of in a minority position and you attack it with both guns and both barrels and you go at it full throttle and pretty soon you whip this thing into line. Now I don't know anything about the smokeless tobacco industry, but I would estimate that there are many, many times as many dollars spent on other kinds of tobacco, including some of that which I use occasionally, as there is on smokeless tobacco. But you never want to attack the cigarette industry because they are powerful. You never want to attack the cigar industry. Those high-priced cigars can generate opposition. Besides, if you attacked and were successful in destroying the cigarette industry, you destroy one of the best sources of revenue the State of Nebraska has notwithstanding the fact that there are deep concerns about the cancer causing problems with the cigarettes. So what do you do? You seek out the smokeless tobacco industry which has become a giant and you just take off after it full throttle and pretty soon you have it painted up there with a great big image as being the most terrible thing you can imagine. And after a while that gives those of us who are afraid to fight the cigarette industry, we're afraid to fight the cigar industry, gives us some little bit of satisfaction where we've struck a blow for health and safety and protection of the children. I was just going through the newspaper here. There is an ad in there for cable TV. I might happen to personally think that the trash that comes in at my house on cable TV is a darned sight more destructive to children than someone who might possibly give away free samples of smokeless tobacco to an adult. But that is going to run in the newspaper. Every week we see huge ads touting the benefits of the various kinds of tobacco. But we are saying the one really evil method of advertising where you just give away a sample is evil, shouldn't be condoned, threat to society, threat to health. You know after a while you wonder about the hypocrisy of the whole thing. I don't know