

constitutionality if the request is this limited as it was last year, and may I remind, there has not been a request this year on the broad base state and federal constitutionality of taking an industry and regulating and stopping a market activity of which it is a legal product to sell and not doing it on any...to any other corporation or company. That has not been done until this morning of which I've asked the Attorney General's Office to look at this situation. What I am going to ask the body to do, in all deference I am not going to continue with my indefinite postpone motion. I will withdraw it at some point this morning. I am not going to stop a vote and try to amend and amend and take the body's time one further day in trying to keep the bill on General File. What I will be asking the body to consider is to not to advance, not to kill the bill, do not...I'm not asking anyone to vote against and kill LB 48. What I am asking the body to do is not to advance the bill to Select File and in my hopes we have the following situation. We have an industry that is bending over backwards and going further than they've ever gone before in trying to negotiate a good compromise and we have another side that is simply refusing to do so. And what I'm afraid of is we're going to lose out in the long run to make some good, solid contributions and gains, we're going to lose that. I would like to be able to have some time to get these two parties together to see if they can work out a reasonable and, in fact, positive steps in order to really do something to stop oral cancer in this particular society. May I point out the body again that LB 48 will not stop anyone from chewing tobacco. LB 48 will not stop our young from chewing tobacco. We have done nothing with LB 48 except take a small step what we are able to get the industry to do and to give and to give and take in a negotiated environment is far greater and better for what our society needs at this point than what LB 48 will do. I would like some time to be able to do that. I would also tell the body that if getting the two sides together, and I'll be quite honest with you, I've approached the introducer of the bill and in typical fashion we have simply refused to do anything along this line and I don't blame Senator Dierks for doing that. I suspect I may be doing the same if I were in his position, but nonetheless, an intransigent position of, no, we will not try to do anything that might improve the bill and that is discouraging. I would give this body my certain word and I think I could speak for the others that would be against the bill in this point that if nothing could be worked out between now and some time next week when it would be coming up again on General File, I would not stop it from going