

because of anything that I did, I'll assure you. It's all because of the efforts of the tobacco lobby and I take serious objection to that because like I said to begin with, this thing is strictly an issue of the health of our youth and versus the greed of the industry. And, to me, I still feel that we have one issue at hand and we need to take this issue to the vote and find out just exactly where our support is. The...it was said that Senator Bernard-Stevens had requested a broad opinion from the Attorney General and then he in the same voice said he had a narrow opinion requested from the Attorney General and I'm kind of wondering what the difference is. We had an Attorney General's Opinion that said everything was just fine. I think maybe, again, it's just more smoke screen and I'd like to urge that we not let ourselves get involved with the cloudiness of the issue and keep in mind that what we're trying to do is prevent the addiction of our youth, the cancer causing problems that our youth can get into, their health in general, the health that can be destroyed with heart problems, with circulatory problems, with lung cancer, the immature death of the people of our citizenry. I'd like to, at this time, give the rest of my time to Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, you have almost three minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, just in two seconds, Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about an AG Opinion request to clarify the constitutional questions. There was a request last year on a similar bill. The request was returned with an AG Opinion saying there is no constitutional problem here. That was followed up by the committee when we had this legislation. The same issue was raised in the hearing. I requested on behalf of the committee an Attorney General's Opinion. It is not yet back. It should be back within the week. I'm talking about next week sometime. I don't anticipate any change in their attitude that there is no problem constitutionally with this bill. It's another issue being raised but, frankly, I don't think it's a legitimate issue. We'll see. If the Attorney General comes back and has a different version of the problem, you know, we'll take a look at it but for...Senator Bernard-Stevens talking about making this request and having you hold up until we hear back, there is no need to do that. We've already made the request, they are already looking at it. We'll hear back in time for discussion on Select File to know how the Attorney General feels about this issue. I don't think that is an issue that ought to persuade