

SENATOR SCHMIT: Again, Senator Wesely, I'm not familiar with the bill, but does the bill do anything other than to prohibit the distribution of samples of smokeless tobacco between adults? Does it do any more than that?

SENATOR WESELY: Right now you're not supposed to distribute to minors or, you know, free or samplings.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I know.

SENATOR WESELY: So really at this point, the bill would stop the free distribution, period, to adults, legally, but, you know, illegally there is some distribution going on now to minors.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well if it is being done illegally now, it can be done illegally in the future also, right? But it is illegal now to distribute it to minors, is that right?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. It's in the bill if you look later on in the sections...you aren't supposed to sell or distribute, I mean...

SENATOR SCHMIT: So then what the bill does now is it says you cannot distribute smokeless tobacco to adults, samples?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, to adults, to anybody.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is it legal to distribute samples of cigarettes to adults?

SENATOR WESELY: I am sure it is, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is it legal to distribute samples of cigars, God forbid, to adults?

SENATOR WESELY: I believe so. I think you've gotten a few. (laughter)

SENATOR SCHMIT: I've got one right now, Senator. I guess my question is then, what is the difference between banning the distribution of one form of tobacco as a sample as opposed to another? If you could answer that question for me, please.