

SENATOR WESELY: It is a good question and a legitimate one, Senator Schmit. I think perhaps because of the appeal of smokeless tobacco to our youth, that makes it especially of concern and the fact that the distribution has ended up going to some youth even though it is not supposed to that has led to this bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then if we really want to try to limit the appeal of smokeless tobacco to kids, maybe we ought to try to have the Congress prohibit the use of it by major league ballplayers because most of them have got a chaw of tobacco in their mouth when they are on the TV, right? Wasn't that a lot more appealing, do you suppose?

SENATOR WESELY: That's a problem.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You know, when I was a youngster which was quite a while back, a lot of the fellows on the threshing crew would chew tobacco. They had a chaw of tobacco like that, and one of my good friends one time a couple years older than me was going to be a big shot and so he asked for a chaw of tobacco and the hired man accommodated him. Well, first he got white and then he got green and then he vomited for about a day and a half. He's 63-years-old today and he's never touched tobacco since. It might be that there is something to be said for it, Senator, in that regard. But I think the principal point I want to make here is this, and that is that if you want to ban the distribution of samples of tobacco across-the-board, then you've got some legitimate reason for the bill, but to zero in on one kind as opposed to another doesn't really make any sense to me and I come back to what I have said earlier. Why is it that we always try to pick on one small portion of an industry, be it whether it is taxes, be it whether it is gambling, be it whether it is tobacco, whether it is alcohol, we pick on the...we're like chickens in the barnyard. We pick on the least likely one to fight back, the least capable one to fight back and we say, boy, we scored a big victory. There are many, many times as many kids out there puffing on cigarettes and I don't suppose any of them started just voluntarily, someone enticed them or gave them a sample or gave them a cigarette. If you want to go across the board, Senator, I'll support the bill, but I am fed up and I am opposed to this selective type of legislation which says we're going to single out the one who can't fight back the least...