

appropriate opportunity for all of us to take on this particular issue. It seems as though it's literally gotten out of hand. As far as facts are concerned, I've heard people say this is literally the same law they have in Minnesota and yet I receive information that says the only law similar to this in the nation right now is the State of Utah. So the facts are being twisted and used in various fashions that make one question where this thing is really headed. I think David has made a legitimate argument in his discussions and in his offer that he made to the body and that offer being that let's not advance this bill at this point in time. Let's put some pressure on both sides, both the side that would like to see this particular bill literally die in one fashion or another. The other side that has been working on this, and I know Senator Nelson has worked on this for at least a couple of years and maybe three now. I think her concerns and Senator Dierks' concerns are very legitimate, that there are health problems, there are situations where our youth are being involved. But by the same token, does this particular statute, this particular bill as it is written, really going to accomplish anything or is it going to be somewhat of a bogus attempt to make it look like we did something when, in fact, we haven't done anything? If we want to follow up on Senator Lynch's points, making the fact that we really haven't accomplished anything. It's somewhat ludicrous as we approach this particular attempt in technique. I think that if we did not advance this bill, and, again, I'm not raising to support the indefinite postponement, I would like to see us follow up on Senator Bernard-Stevens' advice, back off the bill, let it set there for a little bit, bring both sides together, give both sides an opportunity to give some serious thought to what would be the most appropriate technique. As we know, that most controlled substance we have in the state, being alcohol, does not have a proviso in it that does not allow a sample or a reduced price or discounted technique for their promotion and advertising. We do not apply this to any other thing. We're simply using it against the smokeless tobacco category. The thing has almost come up at a level of a witch hunt. Gee, we're going to accomplish something when, in fact, we really have not done a lot of things that we thought we were going to accomplish. Simply taking this particular technique out of the process is just not going to accomplish the concern we have for the health, the concern we have for the youth, the concern we have...if, in fact, all of the arguments that are made for how terrible this product is were legitimate, then I would say that Senator Dierks and Senator Nelson should be pushing a complete