

age-related restriction on the promotional distribution of tobacco products is impractical and ineffective, it is the intent of the Legislature to control the distribution of these products and discourage illegal activity by prohibiting all promotional distribution, except as allowed in this section.

Prohibition: No person shall distribute smokeless tobacco products or cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, or other tobacco products suitable for making smoking, except that single serving samples of tobacco may be distributed in tobacco stores. This is the Minnesota law, and I will give you the Utah if you want it. The only difference is, is in their subsection 4,

Prohibition: No person shall distribute smokeless tobacco products or cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, or other tobacco products suitable for smoking, except that single serving samples of tobacco may be distributed in tobacco stores, and ours is different in regards to the smokeless tobacco. With that, I hope that you don't...you advance the bill. We're playing games that I've never heard or seen here and move it on to Select File if that's what they want, but this is patterned after that law.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Dierks, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schmit is gone. I believe he made the suggestion in some of his rhetoric this morning that we were picking on the weakest or the people who can fight the least. I have a lot of problem with that. I don't gather that in my dealings with what has been going on here. I think that we have some facts. In fact, one is this legislation is substantially the same as that of Minnesota. It does ban the promotional distribution of tobacco products. With this legislation we do accomplish something and I have heard it said we accomplish nothing with it. We do accomplish something with this legislation. We actually stop the tobacco companies from distributing this product. It's just as simple as that. You can't argue with it.