

12 amendments to this bill to maybe just display my protest of some things that were going on in this bill. Hopefully, maybe we could sit down and start talking about the pros and cons and the middle ground on this bill in a rational way. Well, those...we have talked. It seems unfortunate we have not found any middle ground or any room to compromise on this bill. It is not my intent as at the beginning of every session I always introduce a cloture rule, it's not my intent to filibuster, and because of that I did withdraw those 12 amendments. I have three amendments that I'm going to offer probably and then we're going go back to the big amendment that Senator Bernard-Stevens is offering. The first amendment...and all three of these amendments are designed to kind of point out what I think are some very basic flaws in LB 48 as written, and try and point out some of the...I hesitate to use the word, but in many ways maybe the hypocrisy of the body on this issue. You look at this, do you really want to do what LB 48 is trying to do? And those are the things I'm trying to point out. The first amendment which, unfortunately, was not one of the 12 that I printed, this amendment quite simply, if you want to grab your bill, on page 2...I've got to find it now, on page 2, line 13, subsection (1), where it says, distribute shall mean give smokeless tobacco products to the general public at no cost or a nominal cost. My language is strictly simply strike the words "nominal cost" there. The reason with that being is that I don't know...let's say you can't give them away free but how are you ever going to define what a nominal cost is? How are you going to say if there is a sale on chew, or a sale on snuff, are you going to come in and say that that's a nominal cost less than what the market value is? I don't think you really want the words "nominal cost" in there. Obviously, the reason I introduced this amendment is, as I mentioned last week when I stood up, it seems like there's a variety of people in this body that sit here and say, we want government off our backs, we don't want government involved in business, but all of a sudden you turn around and say, we want government on our backs in a big way under this bill and that's...not only that, we want to directly control business on the price that...on the price that you offer for a can of smokeless tobacco. I just don't think there's good people philosophically that are voting for this bill that really want to do that and I want to point it out. Now some of the people have asked me, why did I file 12 amendments to the bill.. to this bill? Why did I get so upset and why does LB 48 make any difference to me whatsoever? Well, the reason is and it's kind of like a bill we had last year. I sat here on