

to make a good bill that really affects the minors. Now, this amendment, as I have said, is dealing with nominal cost. I would like to discuss that a little bit. I really...the point I want to make is that if you want to affect the minors, let's do that, but don't adopt some bill that doesn't really do that much for the minors, does do something against the tobacco companies but just so you can go home and beat your chest and say, look what we did to stamp out snuff. If you pass this bill, you have not done a whole lot and I don't think we deserve to...I mean, I don't think that we should pass this bill in its present form and then pat ourselves on the back saying we have done great things when we haven't done that much. I think there's some other things that we can do that we can do better. With that, that's my opening on my amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Moore amendment. Senator Landis. Thank you. Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I guess maybe I should respond to that amendment. If Senator Moore wants to call me self-righteous, I guess that's his privilege and I don't mind that label because I think that the bill sometimes should demand some self-righteousness. The motion is not...is not acceptable if...you know, a judge will decide whether we can have nominal fees or not and you could allow...if you strike the nominal fee thing, you could allow someone to sell the stuff for a penny a can. You've eliminated the...you've eliminated the purpose of the bill, so it has no merit. I just oppose the amendment completely. And I...if I understood Senator Moore right, he said that I was attacking minors and he didn't want to...or he wanted to attack minors and that's just the exact opposite of what this bill does. It does not attack minors. It's there to offer some support to the youth of our state. And I don't really believe that the bill was in danger of dying and he said he was trying to keep it from dying. I think the bill was very healthy and moving along very well. I would like to remind the body that it is not me who is tying up this legislation. The legislation is sailing along just fine. The proponents of the amendments are the ones that are tying up this legislation and tying up this legislative body. You know, you need to remember some of the facts about what we're doing here. Our purpose is to help the youth of this