

bill...the amendment that I will put in that is before us now, you will be having to pay a fine for each illegal sample that was given. If I give out 50 illegal samples and I'm charged with a Class III misdemeanor, the fine that is given will be multiplied by the number of samples given that could be documented in the court of law, it would be whatever the amount times 50 or a 100 or 15 or six. And it puts a tremendous deterrent, financially, on the person who would, in fact, give a product of that nature to our young. Point four, and one of the most important points, members of the Legislature, right now if a child goes into a store and says, I would like to buy, please, some Copenhagen. And the store manager laughs and says, son, I think you are a little young for that, it's against the law. And he says, I know it is but my dad's right over there, I would like to buy it for my dad. He told me to come in and get it for him. You know what, members of the body, that can happen. And with Cap's bill that can still happen because it is not illegal in this state for a minor to purchase or to possess tobacco products. It is only illegal to use it. Let me give you another example. I am a school teacher and proud of it, but when you are in the schools, there is smoke everywhere at places and times on the streets...or on the school grounds and the Dental Association, in a recent legislative memo, said go by your next junior high that you go and look at all the tobacco and we have to stop that, support 48. And, my friends, LB 48 does nothing to stop that because the only thing that teachers can do is hide in the bushes, and I am not exaggerating, Senator Crosby, you know this is true, you have to hide in the bushes or sneak around in the lavatory, waiting to see that puff of smoke arise so you can say, aha, I caught you, you're using it, come with me, Johnny; come with me, Mary Beth, we're going downstairs to the principal's office. My amendment...excuse me, Cap's bill, unfortunately, does not change that at all. My amendment would. I tell the Nebraska Dental Association, you want to get into the schools, you want to help our minors, then support, for gosh sakes, my amendment because now if a kid is going down with a can of Skoal in his back pocket in the schools, you can't do anything because it is not against the law to possess.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: With my amendment, it will not only be against the law for them to purchase it in a store so they can't buy it for their dad, they can't even have it on their body because the substance is so abusive and addictive we don't want