

even have it on your person. The Bernard-Stevens amendment appeals to 2,290 people who died and another 2,300 or so that may die this year, and we're saying let's go the whole gambit here, let's do something that does more than just smokeless tobacco. And LB 48 deals only with a small portion of 38 people who, again I say, unfortunately, tragically, needlessly died because of oral cancer due to smokeless tobacco. And again I say, of the 38 we can't even verify how many of them are directly related to smokeless tobacco. The Bernard-Stevens amendment does more for minors, does more for the people of this state in regards to needless cancer through smoking than LB 48. And in all their good intentions, the dentists see oral cancer and they wanted to stop that. The Bernard-Stevens amendment went one step further and said let's hit the whole spectrum. And when the dentists, that I have talked to over the weekend, every dentist I have talked to, when they understood the Bernard-Stevens amendment, said I don't know why we're not supporting your amendment, Senator. And I said, that's a very good statement, I don't know why either. But the bureaucracy of the Dental Association has made a stand. The bureaucracy has made a stand and they have now committed themselves so much that they find themselves incapable of reversing, even though it is a better amendment. One of the things that Senator Dierks and Senator Nelson, and I have it in the transcript for anyone who wishes to verify it, they said this is a bill that relates to minors. Members of the body, if you have adults now sampling, we do not know how much of that goes down to minors, and even passing and saying you can't sample, we still don't know how many minors will be able to receive smokeless tobacco. In theory it does a token thing. What the Bernard-Stevens amendment does is we say we know, number one, that we can't get anything through the mail anymore, and that can be measured. And we know that we don't want them even to have it on their bodies, where now they can and we can't do anything about it. And that can be measured. We can truly do a small step. And I admit, both bills are small steps. The Dierks bill, LB 48, is a very small step dealing with a small portion of 33 out of 2,300 people. And the Bernard-Stevens amendment is a small step for trying to do something and deal something with cancer for all people, adults and minors, for all people who are affected by smoke related deaths. One of the things that happened last week, and I'll be concluding with this, I suspect, if you remember what we came to was a feeling of, if you support your children and do not like cancer and disease, support 48. If you hate your children and want your grandmother's apple pie to rot