

and your grandmother to die of disease, you'd want to support the Bernard-Stevens amendment. And I hope we've kind of gotten through that smoke. I hope we've gotten through the smoke.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It is smoke, and the Bernard-Stevens amendment is clearing the air of that smoke, clearing the air because that smoke in the air will cause all of us to choke, cause all of us to cringe, and cause all of us to get a little bit of sickness ourselves. The Bernard-Stevens amendment is an amendment that is tough, that is against cancer, and it's for the people of this state, and still maintains the rights of adults of this state until we are brave enough to ban the whole product nationally. It is something that can be done and would be a positive step for this Legislature to say, thank you, dentists, for bringing this bill; thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, for adding this amendment that strengthens the bill; we thank you and the people of this state, chokingly, will thank you as well until we get them to kick that habit as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Time. Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, members of the body, this reminds me of Yogi Berra's famous statement, looks to me like *deja vu* all over again. I want to assure you that the Dental Association did not bite on this amendment. They have not agreed to any part of this amendment, that did not happen. That assertion was made last Friday, but you may rest assured that did not happen, the dentists had nothing to do with this amendment. And I have not agreed with any part of this amendment. Some of you have been told that. That didn't happen. At this point we're really not concerned about youth going into tobacco stores and buying for their parents, that isn't the thing that we're trying to do or stop with LB 48. You all received a copy of a handout that I gave to you this morning that I think is fairly revealing. If you'd open that, please, and go to what they call page 4, P 4 on the top, and a question mark, why the college market. It says, our efforts in implementing a successful college marketing program will help ensure U.S. Tobacco's continued strength in the moist, smokeless market for years to come. And it says, statistics indicate that the largest single area for growth is in the 18 to 34 age group, therefore they call it very important because you see they're