CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, **Mr. President.**

PRESIDENT: Okay, now we're on the advancement of the bill. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I suspect that we might have a little difficulty having enough people here to make this work.   But I don't want to belabor the body any more.   I only ask you to....Is this closing, or is this...

PRESIDENT: No, this is not closing.   This is not closing.

SENATOR DIERKS: I just remind the body again we're trying to do a very simple thing with LB 48, only that we're trying to limit the free sampling of smokeless tobacco to our citizens.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dierks, excuse me.   (Gavel.) Could we hold it down, please. Could we hold it down.   There is entirely too much noise, especially under the north balcony.   Thank you, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: You're welcome.   I'd like to remind the body that we do have an Attorney General's Opinion on LB 48.   And the Attorney General's Opinion says it's A-Okay, no problems.   I'd like to also remind the body that we have circulated a little clipping from the Lincoln Star, which was printed last Friday, I believe, or maybe Thursday, on tobacco regulation urged by government...or presidential commission, saying that we should be looking at a tobacco free society by the year 2000.   I think that everything is pointing toward that.   We can here, today, take that first step toward helping with that tobacco free society. By doing this we're not only helping the youth of our state, we're helping many of the adults.   The four things again I'd like to remind you of is that nicotine use does cause dental caries, it does cause cancer, oral cancer, it does cause early death of our citizens and it is addictive. With that, I'd like to go on to discussion on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members.   I will not take much further time because we have so many other things to do.   I will say that I would ask all members to think