

that it will be illegal for young people to buy and purchase, whereas now it's only against the law for minors to use. So if a student is going down a school hallway and you see a can of Skoal in the back pocket again, now the faculty or someone can say, son, or, gal, that is against the law, you need to give that to us. It's a small step but nonetheless, a step that cannot be taken at this particular time. My amendment also deals with adults and youths in regards to couponing because as it is now, you can write your name on a coupon, say that I'm 18 years or older, send it away and get a free sample in the mail. My amendment would make it illegal for any free sample of smokeless tobacco to be sent in the mail ever again in the State of Nebraska. An adult and/or minor, if they wanted to put their name saying they are over 18 years of age will have to go to a retailer and show proof. Now an adult to do that, to get a free sample, I suspect he's going to buy...he wants it enough, he's going to buy it anyway or go, but a young person now cannot receive it in the mail without taking the risk of a Class V misdemeanor because they will not have the proper identification. They must have proper identification. This is as stiff as we go on alcohol and even pornography in those particular areas. My amendment also addresses the whole concept of cancer. The Dental Association, bless their hearts, are trying to do their best that they can with the oral cancer that they see every day, and through their bill that they have pushed, they are going to accomplish some of that, particularly if my amendment is agreed to. But the one thing the Dental Association has been quietly very silent on, and that is the other 2,300 deaths in this state that occurred because of smoking related cancer that was due to cigarettes, cigars and whatever else smoking you might be able to get into. They were dealing with, and again, I'd like to point out to the body, and, Senator Beck, listen carefully now on these statistics now, okay, in the State of Nebraska last year 2,300, actually 2,290, 2,290 people were documented as being killed by smoking related symptoms. Of those 2,290 people who died of smoking related causes, 38 last year died of oral cancer, 38 only and that is 38 too many. Senator Conway, I heard that, you know. Thirty-eight too many died of oral cancer. Of the 38 we do not know in the Department of Health of the State of Nebraska how many of those were actually due to smokeless tobacco. They don't know. It could have been cigars, it could have been cigarettes, it could have been smokeless tobacco, it could also have been alcohol. So LB 48 deals with a small, small portion, where LB 48 as hopefully amended deals with a broader scope