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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, Senator Bernard-Stevens on deck.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Raise a question from Senator Wesely. Are you telling me, Senator Wesely, that the rest of the tobacco industry is uninformed as to what has been taking place with LB 48 and are not aware of the consequences of this amendment?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Would you...no.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Answer yes or no, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Possibly.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think Senator Wesely knows full well that the tobacco industry is fully aware of this situation and that they are well aware that the industry has, for years, given out samples and has used the sampling system and has, in fact, relied heavily upon it. In order to try to separate one from the other, Senator, you would have to be infinitesimally excellent at splitting hairs. If you can say it is acceptable to give away a cigar sample or a cigarette sample but it is not acceptable to give away a sample of smokeless tobacco, then I think that you demonstrated even greater agility than I have seen you demonstrate many times in the past, though you've been pretty good at it, but I would think this is going to bring out the best in you. And so I support the amendment and I think that there ought to be strong support for the amendment. If we are really interested in public health, if we are interested in doing that which Senator Dierks wants to do with his bill, I'm going to support this amendment. I don't see how anyone could not support this amendment and still support the bill. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Moore amendment which, incidentally, is found on page 682 in the Journal, page 682.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. President, members of the body, is Senator Moore...would you yield to a question at this point? Senator Moore, as you're going to the microphone, the question I