

even though it is bad policy and we'll kind of ignore those things that will come back to haunt us sometime. I think this is one of those. Twenty people at least had the courage to say that we should cover all tobacco products and I suspect another few that were not voting wanted to but they felt a little pressure not to. But the body made a decision and the decision is we're going to be totally discriminatory. The majority of the cancer deaths in this state is caused by pipe, cigars and cigarette smoking. That is the majority of the smoke related deaths in this state as of last year, those figures from the Department of Health. What the body is saying is that we don't have the courage to take the bull by the horns and really do something. What we're going to do is take a small group, because we don't like the product, that we don't have the courage to ban, by the way. Oh, gosh, no, let's don't ban it, let's let people have it, let's let the adults buy it, let's let the little guys go into the closet and and steal it from their dads, let's let them go ahead and die of cancer, let's don't stop it, and we're going to call it good. If you're going to try to do something that's real good, then let's do something that is positive, positively going to affect the people that smoke and the people that chew chewing tobacco. Members of the Legislature, do you seriously think in all good conscience, do you seriously think that if I am a minor and I see the cowboys in the rodeo and I see the Walt Garrisons at the display and I see the Nick Buonicontis and I see the baseball players a spittin' and a chewin', do you really think that if it is a legal sample to buy and adults will buy it, do you really think that minors are not going to get it if they want to? If the answer is yes, then you must really think that minors do not get pornography. Then you must really think that minors do not get drugs that you can only get on prescription because they are not supposed to, we said they couldn't, they can't get a free sample, so they're not supposed to. LB 48 is, in its intent, good, but in all practical reasons we're saying that here is a product we don't have the courage to ban, but we're going to allow adults which is the majority of the population to buy, and by some miracle, kids won't get it. Ladies and gentlemen, may I remind you, minors in this state, it is now illegal for them to have a free sample and they now are getting it. It is currently illegal in this state for people, for minors to smoke cigars, cigarettes and chew tobacco. It is illegal, but it is being done...

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