

voted no on my last amendment, why is it you have a problem with just smokeless tobacco?

SENATOR DIERKS: Am I still on? Senator Moore, the amendment that you had which I find...well, it's foolish that we're talking about it because it has no bearing on the thing, but we hadn't discussed this in committee. It didn't have a fair hearing. The rest of the tobacco industry was not able to respond to the charges or whatever you want to call it.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: Next year we'll probably do that.

SENATOR MOORE: This is my time. Would you be in favor of returning this bill to committee to have a hearing on that subject?

SENATOR DIERKS: Absolutely not.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, I just wanted to get that on the record to make sure you weren't. Now I have risen in measured anger more than once on this issue and I apologize for that. I have some other amendments I could file to string this thing out but I won't do that. We've spent more than enough time on a relatively minor issue. As I said before, the only reason I've got so deeply involved in this is that I have great concern when this body simply overlooked reasonable amendments just for the sake of winning the battle, and the people that are pushing this bill, the only thing they want to do is totally outlaw free sampling. They were really out to get free sampling of smokeless tobacco. If they were really out to get...attack the problem of smokeless tobacco in minors, they would have embraced the Bernard-Stevens amendment. If they were really after the tobacco industry as a whole, they would have embraced my amendment, but it seems like for whatever reason, reason has been overcome by personalities on this issue and I think that's too bad. Now, as someone...I've had a couple of letters from dentists in my district talking about my arrogance on this issue and how it is attributed to my extreme youth, but I guess I'll use a quote from Winston Churchill that says, my arrogance only extends as far as what I believe to be right. Now I think I don't believe it's right that we kill a fly with a sledge hammer and do away with all free sampling. Unlike maybe some people in this body, I do want to attack the issue of minors chewing