

is, of course, totally illegal for him to give it away. It amazes me, you see, that we have said time after time on this floor that we want to stop the children's use of smokeless tobacco. I have no real concern about that goal. How then, I ask you, do you stop the children using smokeless tobacco by banning the free exchange of it between adults? It is almost as if you were to try to stop teenage pregnancy by banning sexual practices between consenting adults. I don't think that would be a very good system for stopping teenage pregnancy. One more point I'd like to make is the fact that the bill does not prohibit the possession of tobacco or smokeless tobacco by a youngster, does not make it possible, of course, for a school official, for example, to confiscate the product. So I suppose a youngster is just going to carry it around in their shirt pocket or their hip pocket and play the macho image and never touch it. I'm curious, you know, why sometimes we do things that are foolish in this body when we know it to be foolish and we know that in the event that it does become law we will find ourselves coming back here again in the future and having to rectify that. Someone told me, well, we just want to pass it and put this issue to rest. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I can assure you that the passage of a foolish bill never puts the issue to rest, because the time will come when we will be called upon to rectify the error. Those who do not choose to use tobacco have every right not to use it. Those who want to discourage the use of it by youngsters have every right to want to discourage the use of it. But there comes a time in this country when adults ought to have the right to make the decision as to whether or not they want to have a free exchange of a product. I could go into other kinds of examples, but I'm not going to do so at this time. But I think it's of interest to me that this bill is designed, as I said earlier on this floor, so that we can go back to our communities and say, well, we struck a blow against cancer by stopping the distribution of smokeless tobacco to children. Ladies and gentlemen, the bill does not do that, does not do that. The bill stops the distribution, free distribution, or the sale for a nominal price of smokeless tobacco to adults. Now if that is an indication of how you're going to get at the distribution to children, then I would suggest that the same "correlary" could be carried over into many other areas. And there are businessmen on this floor today who have been voting for this bill and I can predict that the time will come when the same theory will be carried out in order to limit some other legitimate business. If you want to ban all tobacco products, go ahead and try it. If you want to ban the