

who have little or no interest in the State of Nebraska but are, I guess, it's the effort by the lobby to make us dance to their tune and to cross our t's and dot our i's, so I don't oppose the language on its intent or on its face, but I think, (a), there is no need for it, and, (b), I think that when it is their language in the first place and I guess the idea might be that there was an effort on my part or on the retailers' part to circumvent the system that was set up, I have a problem with that. I don't have a problem with Senator Smith at all introducing this amendment on their behalf. I understand that. And the language in the amendment is fine. So I would urge the body to adopt it.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, before you speak, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Wehrbein, please. In the north balcony, from the Murdock Consolidated Schools we have 11 seniors and their teacher. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Also, Senator Jennie Robak would like to recognize Dr. Dwight Rickard of Columbus, Nebraska who is our doctor of the day. Dr. Rickard. Thank you for serving us today. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: There are no other lights on?

PRESIDENT: No, ma'am.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, then what I would do is just close if that's all right with you.

PRESIDENT: All right, fine.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, in closing then, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I want to make it very clear that there is no intent on the part of myself to in any way convey that Senator Hall was responsible for the way this was worded or that there is anything that reflects upon him. The wholesalers, themselves, who, in his words, did bring this language are the ones that brought now this amendment to this bill to me. And I guess our intent is to try to make a law as strict as possible so that we're not back here questioning it and if something else should happen that it's not stated clearly enough if it were ever brought to some kind of a case. I think the time is now to make the bill the best bill we possibly can. And I wanted to