

Morrissey this morning and confess something out of my past. I did smoke once. A friend of mine and I, who worked at the newspaper, we were 18-years old, and in those days you went to the movies and it looked so cool for the women to be holding a cigarette. We thought that looked really neat. So we thought, well, we better find out how to do it and learn to smoke. So we spent a whole evening, we got about 10 or 12 different kinds of cigarettes, because we wanted to decide which brand was the right one to smoke. We smoked one of each. I was so sick the next day, I never touched another cigarette. Wasn't I lucky. Other people are not so lucky. I was foolish and got paid in a hurry and found out that wasn't the thing to do. But when you start marketing and targeting, I couldn't believe these two, the Uptown and Dakota cigarettes, and aimed at certain people, the least...the most vulnerable people in our society, that's who they were targeting. Cigarettes are expensive; along with the harmful effects, they're expensive. They're out making minimum pay, low-paying jobs, at jobs that are not easy and that lead nowhere, so the cigarette would be something that they could feel like they were in the swim with. Again, I say, it's just so completely demeaning to women, I am so pleased to be a part of this resolution, I'm going to vote for it, I hope everybody does. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Dierks and Goodrich.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, am very much in support of this resolution. Last Sunday Senator McFarland and myself, along with three other people, had the opportunity to go to Creighton University and judge an oratorical speech contest. With that, I believe there were 16 colleges, from Hastings College, Wesleyan, Creighton, Wayne and so on, and it was their top two students from each of these colleges. And then they had had various sessions the previous days and had brought it down to the six top students. It was our job to judge the contest and the two winners went on to the national level. One of the speakers, and I think he took third place, but...And, incidentally, when you get at that professional and that class of students, it's very difficult to judge the top two out of those very, very fine college students. But I wished that I had it available, and I tried to get it before today but I wasn't...and so I'm going strictly from memory. But a student from Wayne State College, his talk was on the tactics of the tobacco companies, very, very impressive.