

it, we are really not...we are not really addressing the major problem which leads to some of these other problems. So I would with that encourage us to look at it in the future.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Kristensen.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** I am almost tempted to yield back my time at this point in anticipation of Senator Kristensen this afternoon, but I want to make a couple of comments. Senator Chambers brings us again with one of those moral dilemmas, I am not even sure it is a moral dilemma. It is one of the areas of known hypocrisy and I think we are all aware of that but, obviously, the adoption of the amendment quite honestly would be too big a burden for the bill. And I agree with Senator Hall and Senator Pirsch and will oppose the amendment at this particular point, but I would like to comment on a couple of things and a couple of my concerns. Senator Pirsch mentioned something that in discussion with Senator Chambers about the alcohol at least of 21 and over being a legal drug, and, thus, it is okay because it is a legal drug, and it brought me back a year ago or two years ago to smokeless tobacco debate where we were talking about a legal substance because you can actually legally buy it. And Senator Dierks and others, rightfully so, talked about the addictiveness of the smokeless tobacco, but even though it was a legal drug, the body decided that they were going to...they weren't going to stop the distribution and they understood it could have harmful affects, they decided they are still going to allow it, that is no problem, but they were going to stop the free sampling, and they were supposedly going to help minors by doing that, as if minors wouldn't get chewing tobacco from any other source. And one of the things I argued is that one of the things in our laws that we have, and it is not against the law, for example, for a minor to purchase or to possess tobacco products, so I have an amendment that will be coming up on the bill when we get to actually talking about the zones that within that zone it will be illegal to possess any alcohol or tobacco product, not within the State of Nebraska but within those zones, and that will include any adult and any child within the school. And I will be very serious on that amendment. I think Senator Chambers...I would also like to join Senator Schimek and say that "Liz" Karnes was right, and I think many of the body know that the drug of choice right now among our students, if you put it on a scale on a weight of whether to going into the hard core drugs or the cocaine or the marijuana