

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Speaker Baack, would you like to open.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues. The bill has been pretty much discussed, as we did the amendments to the committee amendments, and proceeded through that process as we tried to narrow the scope of this bill down. I think that some of the...I'll just mention a few of the key points that we did when we adopted the committee amendments, and also my amendment to the committee amendments and various other ones. We...in the amendments that I had, we do eliminate the ability to have mail order coupons for sampling. We do eliminate that, because that's something that's very, very difficult to control, so we eliminate that. We do say that the only people that are allowed to distribute samples are those people who are employees or agents of the company themselves. So we put some controls on that. We do not have clerks in stores or these kind of people handing out samples. We did restrict it to areas where minors are denied access, and I think that's a good idea. I think that's an excellent idea. We do not want...I do not want anyway these companies distributing their samples to minors. That's not what the goal is. The goal is to simply allow them to do their sampling but only with adults. I think that we also put in a permit to sample. They have to apply for a permit with the Secretary of State, pay a fee for that permit, have that permit in hand as they proceed to do their sampling. So those kind of things are in place. We also say that the original amendment said that if they had two judgments against them, they lose their permit. We changed that. We said that, if they do have a judgment against them, then they would lose their ability to sample in the state for five years. I don't think that's unreasonable. The companies tell me that they don't have violations, that they are very, very strict in their environment, and they do not have violations as far as distributing samples to minors. If they are that strict, and they do not allow the sampling to minors, then I think that they ought to be able to live with the provisions that we have provided here. For one judgment against them, they lose their permit for five years. That's still better for them than they are now. Right now they have no ability to sample in this state at all, and I think that's a step in the right direction for