

them. So I think that they ought to be willing to accept that. With that, I would simply urge the advancement of the bill. I think it's...I think it's righting a wrong that we did a couple of years ago. I very frankly did not support LB...I think it was LB 48, a couple of years ago, that prohibited the use of sampling in this state. I don't think that you should put those kind of antibusiness kind of statutes in place. And I think that it fits very well with my own philosophy of how...how...of governmental interference into private...into private industry, into private business. And I don't think that we should do that in this case. As long as the...as long as smokeless tobacco products are legal, they are a legal substance in this state, then we should not prohibit that company from doing business in this state. We should put the kinds of restrictions that are necessary there so that they do not distribute those samples to minors, that's fine, I don't have any problem with that. But we should not just totally tell them that they cannot distribute at all samples in the state. We are one of the few states...we are the only state that prohibits sampling totally. And this is the only product that we sell that is for sale and retail in this state that is prohibited from sampling, the only product. And I don't think that that is the approach that we should use, and I don't think that we should have those kinds of things in our statutes. With that, I would simply urge advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. I'll now recognize Senator Hefner. We have amendments on the desk. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the first amendment to the bill is by Senator Morrissey. Senator Morrissey is excused. I had instructions to pass it over, unless someone else has been authorized to handle it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We'll pass over it. Do you have anything further?

CLERK: Madam President, the second amendment, or the next amendment, I should say, that I have is by Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein. Anything further?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Dierks would move to indefinitely postpone LB 577. Senator Baack would have the option to lay the bill over, Madam President.