

tobacco, it seems to be the in. And so at this time I would just urge you and encourage you to support the kill motion on LB 577. It's hard for me to believe that this bill is a priority bill when we have so many more important things to do this session. And so I would urge you to vote to kill this bill.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Nelson.

**SENATOR NELSON:** Madam Speaker, naturally I support the kill motion. We've gone over this longer than even two years. I fought it for two years prior to Senator Dierks, either...in fact the first time it went through on the consent calendar and got pulled off and so on, but the cancer causing agents are much, much worse. In, for example, bacon only 5 parts per billion are allowed in...or is in the average serving, a can of beer, 5 parts per billion. And in these chewing tobacco, that's simply what it is, the nitrosomine levels are up to 100,000 to 215,000 parts per billion. It's a terrible cancer causing agent. You chew the stuff for 50 years and y u have about a 47 to 48 percent chance of getting oral cancer. Of course it goes down. I don't know of any reason to stand here and belabor the bill. I can see no reason actually for even the discussion on the floor. It certainly doesn't help our people, it doesn't help our Medicaid budget, doesn't help our state budget. You tell me who it helps, except a few pockets of a few people, and that's not for the good of the people in Nebraska. I believe in free enterprise, but there is a point when that free enterprise again costs all of us. As Nancy Osborne said, in one of the testimony, I absolutely cannot believe people would support a bill that does so much harm as this product. And we're not only talking about children, this is adults, too. And they're led to believe that it's passed out by adults, it's not...there's no problem with it. Dental boards, every one of them, they have not found, but very, very rare cases of which cancer was...cancer of the mouth, in fact I think it is actually none that was caused by any other causes but chewing tobacco. Even cut that down to 50 percent, and that's 50 too many. So I'm not going to talk a lot on the bill. Every one of you probably have your mind made up. And I think that we're wasting a lot of time even discussing it today. So, with that, I certainly support the motion to kill it.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Nelson. The speaking order now is Senator Chambers, Moore, Landis, Baack, Bernard-Stevens,