

tobacco to youth. That is not what the bill is at all. All the bill is saying is that isn't it only right and fair that the 45-year-old man or woman that drives a '67 Ford pickup with a gun rack happens to have the bad habit of chewing tobacco, and in 49 other states he or she could get a free sample. You could go to Husker Harvest Days, you could go to the State Fair and get a free sample. In Nebraska you can't do that. And though I certainly agree with Senator Dierks and Senator Nelson and others that I do not want to be in the business of encouraging young people chewing tobacco, why is it that Nebraska chooses to penalize everybody else. I think you...two years ago we killed...tried to kill a fly with a sledgehammer, and banned, absolute, the sampling of tobacco. I don't want teenagers to sample tobacco anymore than anybody else. And as far as childhood stories, the reason I don't chew tobacco is when I was 17...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...I chewed some and I got sick and ralphed. That was the best lesson for me ever never to chew it again.

SENATOR HALL: You what?

SENATOR MOORE: Got sick and vomited. And that was maybe...maybe we should have a mandatory distribution at 15 years old, little kids chew it and get sick, and that would be one way, if we don't want them to do it. But what Senator Baack is basically saying is that 21...adults in this state should have the same ability as others, if they happen to have a bad habit, why can't they get a free sample. I don't think that's unreasonable, as Senator Baack's bill does. I think what it also does, it certainly has sent a very clear message to the tobacco industry, not only in this state, but across the nation that, by golly, you cannot be in the business of giving samples to youth. I believe we've accomplished our goal, and with Senator Baack's bill we restore a little bit of reasonableness, we don't penalize the adult Nebraskans in the state that I think have a right to a free sample.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Dierks mentioned that two years ago we did a fine thing in passing LB 48. And I agree with that. And I voted for that