

the role of government here. What is the role of government? Are we going to try and be an entity that says, okay, this is a health risk here, so we're going to preclude that entity from existing in our state? I think that that gets to the point of governmental interference. And I think that with the amendments that were adopted to the bill, we have narrowed the scope so dramatically, and we have...and we have done everything that I think we can do to make sure that minors do not receive these samples. Senator Hefner, I'd like to ask you a question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hefner.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, when you had your truck stops and such, did you sell tobacco products at those truck stops? I can't...I can't imagine why you would do that. Those tobacco products are known to be a health hazard. Why would you sell those at your truck stops?

SENATOR HEFNER: Because the public required that we do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: The public required that you did that?

SENATOR HEFNER: They asked for it, and so we sold them.

SPEAKER BAACK: There was a demand for those, and so you did it.

SENATOR HEFNER: There was a demand for those, yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: But we didn't give out free samples.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Laughter.) I didn't ask you whether you did. Yeah.

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, I just wanted you to know that.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Laughter.) As Senator Conway says, you probably would have never given anything away. (Laughter.) So those products, we have tobacco products in this state. They are sold at all kinds of outlets. We know that there are health...there are indications, anyway, that there are health problems associated with tobacco products. But we still do it. We still allow those things to be sold in this state. We don't prohibit those substances from being here. Tobacco is a legal