

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SPEAKER BAACK: And I think it keeps the samples away from minors. I want to do that. I don't want minors to have samples. I would ask the opposition to this if they could come up with anything more restrictive on minors. If they can do that, fine, I'm willing to look at it. I'm willing to look at that. I think we have the restrictions built into this bill that keep minors from sampling. I think that we should proceed with the bill. I think it's a good piece of legislation, it would take off the books a piece of legislation that I think we made a mistake on a couple of years ago. So, with that, I would oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. The speaking order now is Senator Bernard-Stevens, Wesely, Wickersham, Wehrbein, Lamb, Nelson, and Hall. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. One of the things I think is difficult for many of us in the body is to take a philosophy that we say we believe in and profess to believe in, and then have it tested to the max and see if we actually believe in that philosophy or not. Many times what happens is we'll say, yeah, I believe in that philosophy, but...and we start making exceptions. And when it comes out we don't have a philosophy at all. One of the tough things to do is to say that are we, as a body, or do individual members of the body really believe in the free enterprise system. And if we do believe in that free enterprise system, one of the key integral parts is government regulation of that. How much government regulation should there be to...at what point do we begin to inhibit that philosophy? And where that gets difficult is wh...no one has a problem on bicycles or on Frisbees, or something that everyone enjoys and everyone would say there's no harm. But when you get to another entity that is made, or another thing that is made, a product that's made that there is not a perception of it being a health...good for a health product, but at the same time it is an absolutely legal product, and I have yet to see a member of the body make a...make a...have a bill come through committee and go through the process that would ban tobacco products from the State of Nebraska, when you do have a legal product, then to apply the same principles of free enterprise to that product which is legal but also harmful, if used to excess, there's where we have