

guard would be able to notify the kids inside that are smoking that someone is coming and you try real quick to catch them in the act. Now if, for example, the teacher is too late, the person that is smoking is in by the stools and they hear somebody is coming and they throw it in the stool real quick and flush it, the teacher is powerless to do anything except shoo them out of the room because it's not illegal for them to have it. They had to have seen them actually purchase it which they did not see and they had to have seen them use it which they did not see the actual use of the product. Therefore, nothing happens and the game goes on. Senator Dierks last year or a few years ago talked about we need to help kids in school from getting it. His bill did absolutely nothing to do that. Before LB 48 it was illegal for minors to have the product, it was illegal for them to have a sample and after 48 it was illegal, made no difference. We did nothing for kids. This amendment says to the body, if you're really serious, if Senator Dierks and other people are really serious about trying to help kids get out of the habit of smoking or keep them from getting into it, this amendment would help people anywhere in the State of Nebraska help that, particularly in schools. With this amendment, if I see a kid walking down the hall and in his back pocket is a can of Skoal or Copenhagen or whatever, if this amendment is agreed to, I can take that away from the child. With this amendment if I get into the bathroom as a teacher and I find that they have been smoking but I haven't seen them actually use the product and I certainly didn't see them buy it, but I see the product there, I can take the product. If I find it in the locker on a regular routine that they do, that product can be confiscated because it's an illegal substance. It really gives some teeth to people in schools, for example, in trying to enforce it. Under LB 48 that the body passed a few years ago, by the way, what can happen to these kids that have a can of Skoal in their back pocket? The answer, absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing. What this amendment would do would far surpass what has been done in the last four years in getting and helping kids get rid of the product. I'm in the uncomfortable position of I don't smoke, I don't use smokeless tobacco, technically I can't stand the product. But I understand the private enterprise system, I understand it's a legal product and I understand that there are many people that do use the product. I also understand I do not want to have kids addicted to the product at all. This is a law we could pass. This is an amendment we could pass that would really help kids if you really want to do so. I might also when I get talking on the