

bill, I will be asking a couple of questions of Senator Dierks and others, I'll be asking, since the passage of the bill, how much has oral cancer gone down? And the answer, it hasn't. Since the passage of the bill, how many young people now are not chewing tobacco that have done it before? The answer, we don't know. In fact, if you go to the surveys and go to the schools, that tobacco use is in many cases in the rural areas up because we haven't done anything at this point. So may amendment, members of the body, simply is quite simple. It will allow us to enforce minors by purchasing it will be illegal, by using the product it will be illegal if you're a minor, and by possessing the item will be illegal for the minor. That's the nature of the amendment and I hope the body sees fit to adopt it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I will now recognize Speaker Baack followed by Senator Hall. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I rise in support of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. I remember the discussion a couple of years ago when we were talking about LB 48 and we were talking about whether or not we wanted to do things to keep these tobacco products out of the hands of minors and I think this definitely goes a long ways to doing that. This now means that, as Senator Bernard-Stevens has explained, you do not have to catch a student using, or a minor using the product, you can confiscate the product because possession would be illegal. I think if we are going to do something about minors with tobacco, I think this is the kind of thing to do because I think it makes the enforcement of the law much easier because you do not have to catch them using it. You can simply go on possession. So I rise in support of this amendment, and I think if we want to do something in trying to keep the tobacco products out of the hands of minors, this goes a long way towards doing that, so I would support the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise in opposition to the amendment. I think this amendment is a tad ridiculous, if you will, no offense, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I know it is well intended. Here is what you're going to see happening. You're going to have a, I guess a tobacco police running around the corridor of every high school checking for