

that little round ring in the back pocket of baseball players that happen to be at the school and that could be any number of things. Maybe they just had a large silver dollar back there when the jeans went through the wash. Maybe they had what is currently sold right now, ladies and gentlemen, is there's a number of gums that are sold in those same kind of containers. They look exactly alike, they are marketed alike, but it is something that we wouldn't have any problem and much of it is sugarless as a matter of fact. It's gum, but it happens to be in the same kind of container. We're talking about outlawing possession of a substance. In other words, you can't even have it in your possession if you happen to be a minor. We let young people serve alcohol before they can ever drink it because we see that there is no problem with that. Does that mean that an individual who is a clerk behind the counter at a 7-Eleven who is 17-years-old can't sell that product over the counter? Think about what you're doing here with this amendment. It has very far-reaching effects. It's not just simply saying we don't, for health reasons, want to keep this product out of their hands. That is well-intentioned. I understand the proposal, but this amendment goes far and above that. It says that you can't have anybody who happens to be under 18 touch this product. Well, what about the guy who is 19 or the woman who is 19 and looks 17 and they happen to be running around with it? What are we going to do? Have citizens' arrests out there so that we take that chew away from these people? I mean, the five-year amendment this morning I voted red. I was one of a handful that voted red on it because I think that penalty went way too far. I don't chew tobacco, but I think we're getting a little carried away with this proposal in terms of all the banning we want to put on this to pass this piece of legislation. I don't have any problem with the legislation, I co-sponsored it, but don't adopt this amendment without thinking about it through because you're saying that you can't possess it. That means I can't touch it if I work in a stockroom at the Hy-Vee or the Baker's Supermarket or the local grocery store and I happen to stock the shelves. I can't do that. If I'm taking inventory and I have to count them, I can't touch them if I happen to be a junior in high school and don't meet the age limitation. There are a number of things that this amendment will impact over and above what the intent of this bill is and some of the protections that are built into it. I would urge you not to vote for this amendment before you think about it. I believe it is well-intentioned. I know Senator Bernard-Stevens would only do that in this type of a proposal. He is thinking now for the