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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, would Senator Morrissey yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: This is striking all original sections of the bill and inserting this. Is that correct, Senator Morrissey?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: I offered this amendment two years ago on the bill for the purpose of fairness and I was not successful and the supporters of the bill themselves voted against it. I guess at this juncture in time, I agree that it's a fair thing to do but...if you're going to treat one, you treat it like the other, but so I'm going to vote against this and I don't think you should treat either one like this and so I agree on the fairness issue, but I am of the opinion that samples should be allowed to adults, not to minors, but to adults of both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. So I tend to agree with him on the fairness issue, but I would argue that the proponents of this bill, are you a proponent...I mean the proponents...I guess the opponents of the bill, are you in that category, Senator Morrissey?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Not necessarily, no.

SENATOR MOORE: I would think the opponents of Senator Baack's bill, the proponents of LB 48 a couple of years ago would certainly endorse this because this simply...what is good for the goose is good for the gander and I would agree with that, but I guess for my sake I'm going to oppose it because I think it further penalizes the adult members in Nebraska from getting free samples of smokeless tobacco and now cigarettes as well, so I'd oppose it on that. But I do agree to be consistent you should do both. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Kristensen followed by Senator Morrissey and Senator Labeledz. Senator Kristensen.