

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Labeledz followed by Senator Chambers and Schimek.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam Chairman, I believe Senator Morrissey and Senator Bernard-Stevens answered my question because I wanted to know what effects Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment would have on Senator Morrissey's but I think they both answered my question, but I still oppose Senator Morrissey's amendment. I, too, started smoking when I was very young. I could quit tomorrow if I had enough good will to do it. Of course, I don't have that, but I oppose the amendment in any case because I think if minors want to get alcohol, drugs, tobacco, whatever, they're able to get it regardless of what laws we will pass today unless it's possession and you catch them with the cigarettes or you catch them with the smokeless tobacco, then of course, Senator Bernard-Stevens took care of that, too, and I will be opposing the bill regardless and the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Morrissey's amendment and it's difficult to have anything different to say from what had been said this morning already several times by different people, but as long as the issue is before us, I want to make a comment or two to make it crystal clear of my position that I hold of opposition to the use and sale of tobacco. The fact that it's legal, everybody would agree, does not make it moral. When you talk about morality or ethics, you're talking about value systems and a value system should have a goal. The goal of a good value system is the achievement of that which is good and wholesome. They're people in here who feel that they're ethical, who feel that they are moral and most people are most of the time. The worst person is moral most of the time. Liars tell the truth more than they lie. They might lie less than ordinary people because their lies are for a purpose and they have to establish credibility. It's just the rank and file person that just lies, lies all the time because nobody believes him anyway, but a genuine liar has a purpose to achieve through the lie. The tobacco industry has a purpose to achieve through all of its promotional activity and that purpose is only to make as much money as possible. That can be done only through the greatest sale possible of their product. They need to sell as much as they can to as many people as they can and