

serious dangers to the citizenship. Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about free enterprise. Well, we don't allow free enterprise to do whatever they want to do no matter what. We have child labor laws, we have safety and health laws, we have OSHA which governs many of these occupational hazards. We have a history in this country of trying to make good public policy so that citizens won't be unduly harmed, and when you think about the fact that a lot of these people who are addicted become addicted at 13, 14, 15 years of age, then I think that's scary. But I guess I would just like to close by saying that if we give away products, we are taking the chance that we are giving away those products to someone who will ultimately face a very uncomfortable and an sometimes awful end, and so I guess I would like strong consideration of the Morrissey amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Rod Johnson. There is no one else wishing to speak, if Senator Morrissey would like to close.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you. Again, folks, I'm all for fairness and we...and I'm all for free, for fair trade, free trade, free enterprise, whatever you want to call it, but we restrict free enterprise in a million other ways. Look at tobacco. Look at all the tobacco ads you see on TV. How many are there? There are none. They made it illegal, can't do it anymore. Why they still allow youth oriented booze ads is beyond me, but they do. So we have restricted them. The very nature of this product calls for the restriction and, indeed, demands restrictions and this is such a minor thing, why are they making such a big deal about it? Why are they making such a big deal about it? They make so much money and they're just ready to move into the Third World and other countries because they are concerned about our health kick in this country: They're going to make their money. This is not going to cripple the tobacco industry. Once they get used to it, they probably won't even notice it. Maybe some decreased sales, hopefully some decreased sales to minors, to everyone. Again, the bill states the intent that tobacco is a psychologically and physically addictive product and again I'll say I can testify to that fact, folks. It's not easy to shake, not easy. Ask anyone that has smoked, ask anyone. If the issue is strictly fairness, this is a fair thing to do. If the issue is being fair in free trade, this is not a monumental precedent that we're doing here. Again, the very nature of the product, the addictiveness, the number of people that die from it tell us that we should