

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, do you wish to speak on the Chambers motion?

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I do. I guess I had difficulty with the amendment when it was attached the last time we dealt with the bill. I couldn't figure out what the reason for doing this was. We were making a penalty for the children who are going to be using this stuff and letting the tobacco industry, who was going to benefit, off scot-free. It just absolutely made no sense to me. The guilty party in this particular case is not the child. The guilty party is the industry that is supporting...supplying this product, this cancer-producing product to our children. Now I certainly support Senator Chambers' attempt to remove that amendment from the bill. I think it is useless and should not be there. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Chambers, if he would yield.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I was not here, I don't believe, when they put on this amendment. You would simply strike the Bernard-Stevens amendment, not the entire provision for juvenile use or smoking, is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, I would strike the amendment that Senator Bernard-Stevens attached, that is all.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So it would go back to the old language of whoever being a minor under the age of 18 years who shall smoke cigarettes or cigars or use tobacco in any form, it would go back to that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it goes back to that, and even though I am opposed to that, I am not trying to get at that at this particular time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, that does clarify it for me, and I know that the problem being that I don't think it is being enforced right now, even if the minor would be smoking, which definitely