

now support the reconsideration, and I am glad to get this officially on record. Senator Dierks, really now, is going to be taking the position of it is a terrible product but, sure, I don't care if they have it. Heck, it doesn't bother me, let them have it all they want. That is fine. What I gave Senator Dierks and the body is, if you truly want to do something for kids, and you really want to be on that high, high cloud of morality, then do something for kids and stop this ridiculous vernacular of what we are pretending to do. What I mentioned before was if you were a teacher in a school, right now under the law of the State of Nebraska as amended last year, two years ago, with LB 48, here is how the faculty member or administrator can stop children from smoking. They sneak very carefully on cat feet, as quiet as possible, in the hallway so they can get by the other student who is the hall monitor for the other kids that are in the bathroom smoking. Because, see, the game now, if the faculty member or administrator can catch the child actually using the product, aha, now we can get them. So they sneak on little cat feet into the parlor trying to get around the guard, and they get in their quickly, and if they are quick enough, they are going to be able to see the student with the lighted cigarette or with the tobacco before they throw it in...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...the toilet and flush. And if they don't actually see them use it, they chew them out and the game begins again the next day. There is nothing they can do to stop children from smoking even within the schools, nothing, unless they actually see them use the product. What I said to those senators who truly were on the high clouds of morality is that if it is so evil in your view, let's stop them from having it. Let's give our faculty members a chance to say, listen, if they actually have the product, that is bad enough, we're going to take it from them, we are going to stop this behavior because it is so bad. That is the option I gave, and the response now that I am getting is that, no, no, no, that's too harmful for the kids.

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We could punish and hurt those kids. Let's go ahead and let them have the tobacco product. Aren't we a fascinating body on some of these topics? Thank you.