

for the most part, and they will still be there because that is part of what they do, and you know better than that, and you know it is not worth a golf hat. And if you don't, then you need to go out there and find out for yourself. Senator Nelson, I would like to ask you a couple of questions, if you would.

SENATOR NELSON: Certainly.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Under the old bill, before we had the smokeless tobacco bill that Senator Dierks and you pushed through, was it illegal for minors to obtain free samples?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, it was, but the reason...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, no, just, it was illegal.

SENATOR NELSON: It was illegal.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And then after the bill, it was still illegal, is that correct?

SENATOR NELSON: Correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, now under the bill as we have now, the law that we have now, is it...if a child is walking by with a can of Skoal in their back pocket, can you do anything legally about that?

SENATOR NELSON: No, you cannot.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, so...thank you, Senator Nelson. What we are basically saying is that, listen, we talk about the poor child but yet Senator Nelson and others are going to allow the child to possess it. I mean that is bottom line. We're concerned about our grandkids and yet we're still going let them have them possess it and I find that interesting. The only thing that this bill did that we passed a couple years ago had nothing to do with children, just as Senator Nelson says. It has nothing to do with children. They can possess it. We're just going to wait till they're out of sight. Now they can do it when they're out of sight and that's okay. That's okay because we want them to have it. We just don't want them to...we just don't want to see them use it. That's against the law. The only thing we did last year on the bill and what this bill is going to...what it's going to fix is we said to adults