

smoking tobacco. You use it for 10, 15, 20 years, you have 50 percent chance of oral cancer. That's where we public come in. We are then expected to help with the health costs and so on. It's something that is so unnecessary. We passed good legislation several years back. I see no reason to readdress it excepting for maybe some financial gain, and I know it goes back to how far should government be involved. But in this case, when we first direct it to the young, it is very, very addictive, much more than smoking. The smokeless tobacco that is given out, in the first place, is milder and sweeter so that they get addicted to it and then up to the Skoal or the Copenhagen. The dollars involved in advertising, the dollars spent right here at the Capitol just blows your mind. I'm not going to stand here and reiterate the amount of money the tobacco companies spent a couple years ago, but it's unbelievable. And, of course, they want to beat down Nebraska because other states will follow Nebraska, so the stakes are high. I hope that you folks realize that. I hope you think that of what this does--the cancer causing, the costs to the state and the dollars. And why should we readdress this? So, with that, I would hope that you do not advance this bill at this time. It's utterly ridiculous to be bringing it back up again when it has worked so well.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Have a request, motion to cease debate. I see five hands. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I will recognize Speaker Baack for closing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I do appreciate this opportunity to at least get a chance to at least vote once on my priority bill. I think that, you know, the legislation that we passed a couple of years ago I don't think was good legislation. I think it does smack against the principles of how far government ought to be involved in