

business, and I disagree totally with Senator Wesely. If we had other items that we decided were harmful to health, such as alcohol and some of these things that we sell in this state, if we had prohibitions against sampling on those it would make sense, but we don't have. We don't have, and those things are addictive. They...but we don't have. We don't have that. We've only got it on one product in this state, and that's on smokeless tobacco, and I don't think that that is the way that we ought to run business as a government. But I just want to review very briefly what the bill does. The bill still does not allow minors to receive samples. That's the way the law is now. That's the way it was before LB 48. That's the way it still stays. It requires that an agent of the company be the person that distributes the samples. It requires that samples can only be distributed in an area that prohibits minors from coming into that area. It's very clear. It says that if a company violates the provisions of this law one time, then they automatically lose their right to sample in this state for five years. Says that very, very clear. It allows for both the Attorney General and the county attorneys to be involved in the prosecution of these cases, which is different than what we have now. I think it's...I think it has the safeguards built into it to still be very safe legislation as far as keeping tobacco from minors, keeping samples from minors. I think that the safeguards are in there. I think the companies tell me that they are very, very stringent as to following the rules of this. We've set it into statute in the State of Nebraska. They have to be very, very stringent as they follow our rules. If they are not, they will not be allowed to provide samples in this state. I think it's very, very clear. I think, with that, I will simply close. I would ask for your advancement...your vote for the advancement of the bill. This would only be a one-time advancement. The bill would be back up again next session, available for amendment or whatever, because we cannot pass the bill this session. There isn't time yet to do that. So this would be just a one-time advancement this year. With that, I would ask for a call of the house and I would also ask for a roll call vote in regular order.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. I have a request for call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.