

convictions. As you all know, it is illegal for minors under the age of 18 to purchase tobacco products. According to the introducers of the bill, the prohibitions and sanctions imposed were intended to primarily prevent minors from access to purchasing tobacco through vending machines. The committee amendment seeks to maintain the intent of the original bill while allowing those who may lawfully purchase tobacco reasonable access to it. The committee amendment allows sales of tobacco by vending machines but only in those areas that are not open to the general public. The committee amendment also allows cities and villages to pass ordinances that more rigidly restrict sales of tobacco by vending machines to give the citizens the choice to do that locally. This amendment was passed by the committee with the consent of the principal introducer. I believe it makes the original bill more reasonable in light of what it was intended to accomplish. Therefore, I ask that you adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk, do you have amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Moore would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have AM2551 in front of me. (Moore amendment appears on page 527 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, the Pages have passed out two amendments. The first one, amendment 2551, basically does two things. I think we need to discuss it a little bit here this morning. Actually, starting with the second section of the amendment, it is arguably...if you look at the green copy of the bill and look at the old last page, it said that the act shall become operative January 1, '93. That was the way the bill was drafted in 1991 and amended by the committee in 1991, and now that we are in the year 1992, for purposes of phasing this in, changing that from '93 to '94 still gives the lead time for the venders and people to adjust to our law. And so, as I said, that just technically makes it the same. If we would have acted on this last year, it would have been '93, now that it's '92 we're going to make the operative date January, '93. The first part of the amendment is probably...is a decision that this body has to make. And, basically, what it says is it would allow vending machines to be