

exception like this based on the consumption of liquor which would move these vending machines out of the reach of minors. I can understand that the tobacco industry wants to have as many sales as possible of their product, and they would like to reach the minors wherever they can. It has been demonstrated time, after time, after time that the tobacco industry is conducting multimillion dollar, probably if you take all of the tobacco companies, billion dollar, very aggressive ad campaigns aimed at young people, women, minorities, those groups that are vulnerable, the ones who are not well educated. The reason for that is that every year they lose to death 435,000 smokers. So to at least maintain the status quo they've got to recruit 435,000 new smokers. Statistics and studies have also indicated that the higher people's income becomes the higher and more significant their education level becomes, they leave smoking. So what this industry has to do is find those groups that are still available. They've got to tap new territory. I would not want to see these vending machines legally available to minors. If we try to carve out exceptions, in the way that Senator Moore has tried to do, all we really do is say that you can target minors only in these locations. Either we are doing this kind of legislation to safeguard minors,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or we're not. If that is our purpose, we should keep these machines from being legal wherever minors legally can go. I am opposed to the amendment, and I will vote against it. And I hope enough others vote against it so that we can defeat it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support the number one part of the Moore amendment. I think it's more realistic. I realize that we probably need to control where these machines are going to be. But I think the original bill went a little bit too far. And I knew that I wouldn't be able to support it that way. But I think now with the Moore amendment it is more realistic and we can control the minors from access to these machines. Also, it's quite a penalty if these minors use these machines. So I think this is two-fold. As to restaurants that serve liquor, I think that these restaurants are well managed, and they will see that the minors, if there are minors in there, I think they'll see to it that