

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, if we're dealing with the essential harmful nature of the product, why should we not protect minors from this product every place where minors may be exposed to this product?

SENATOR MOORE: Because we're talking about places where the majority, the vast majority of the traffic would not be minors. And laws like this, to try and get at a minority of the people in those instances, like minors, cause, in my opinion, an undue burden on the majority of the citizens in that place which are the law-abiding adults.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, let's try to use an analogy. Youngsters can drink liquor at home. There is nothing in the statutes that would prohibit that. The sale of liquor to youngsters is illegal, outside the home. What would be wrong, if it's all right to let them get cigarettes in a liquor establishment where liquor is sold and consumed on the premises, to allow them to consume liquor on the premises, so that they can obtain the alcohol and tobacco, since far fewer are killed by alcohol than tobacco, anyway?

SENATOR MOORE: But, as you're well aware of, it's still illegal for a minor to purchase those cigarettes, as it is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there's going...

SENATOR MOORE: ...illegal for a minor to purchase or consume liquor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they're going to get them, anyway, so we're being realistic. If they were going to abide by the law, we'd allow vending machines to be any place, because the prohibition and the law would prevent them from obtaining them. So, being realistic, if we're going to let them be exposed to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...cigarettes in the restaurant, why not allow them to have the liquor, too, if they consume it on the premises?

SENATOR MOORE: Because, as I said, I don't think...I don't think a minor should be involved in either one of those.