

accomplish that much on the minor aspect. What you will do is cause a great deal of inconvenience to people that do smoke, and that's what I have a problem with. And it is not my intent to make the tobacco companies rich, or break them, either one. I don't really care about that. I'm not a fan of the tobacco companies. But I represent law-abiding citizens who choose to smoke, and as long as they don't offend me and smoke in my face, if they want to purchase cigarettes, they ought to be able to do that. And Senator Schimek mentioned well you're not saying they can't purchase cigarettes, but in essence you are, because many places, if they wouldn't have a vending machine, they probably won't be selling cigarettes. And you may have to walk a couple blocks to go have a smoke when you're sitting some place, or they may just carry a few brands of cigarettes, not the kind that you like. Whereas with a vending machine you have the ability to offer a larger menu of cigarettes, that's the difference. And that's a real difference, Senator Schimek. And that's why I think vending machines ought to be allowed to continue. And so I can't disagree with anything said about our desire to try and prevent and deny minors access to cigarettes. I think what we're talking about is do we want to go so far as to deny many law-abiding smokers the right to the cigarette of their choice. If you want to ban cigarettes altogether, we ought to discuss that. This is parallel to many other battles we've fought. I think this makes LB 130 a reasonable bill. I think with the adoption of this amendment you're within the confines of...Senator Schimek and I can discuss, we want to fine-tune it. I'm certainly willing to do that. With this amendment I think we can adopt it and we can proceed to move the bill, and a bill that does take a step in the right direction and that does try and put more curbs on the accessibility of cigarettes to minors. So, with that, I'd ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. We'll now vote on the Moore amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 9 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Moore's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Mr. Clerk, do you have further motion on the desk?