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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well couldn't...couldn't...no, just six months. Couldn't a person avoid the penalty all together by regulating that machine to make sure that minors do not obtain cigarettes or tobacco products from it?

SENATOR HEFNER: This is true, but sometimes a manager can't be there for...in all the hours that they're open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then they might decide it's better for them not to have these machines, wouldn't they.

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, that's a thought that I hadn't considered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, it's good to look down on you today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laughter.) Members of the Legislature, we're in a set of circumstances now where I can make a quote, you cannot serve two masters. Either you're going to serve tobacco, Senator Hefner, or you're going to serve demon rum. But you can't have both, and I'll tell you why, for the very reasons that you stated. You know and I know that there's not going to be supervision of these machines. The selling of the cigarettes is not of that much concern to anybody with one of these establishments. But you get their attention if you provide a penalty of the kind that I'm talking about. Let me tell you why I associate the penalty with the liquor license. The liquor license is the basis of Senator Moore's amendment. He is the one who said that in establishments having a liquor license, where liquor can be consumed on the premises, you can have the cigarette vending machines. I say again, either we're concerned about young people and want to provide a measure of protection, or we don't. I think the force that is moving through this body right now is a force generated by the tobacco industry. Why should we be so concerned about the tobacco industry that we make our young people the easy targets? This amendment does not say if the vending machine is there they lose their license. It says, if minors obtain cigarettes or tobacco products, then this is the punishment. Senator Hefner, while you're looking down on me, I would like to ask you a question,