

are able to see the difference in degree of those two actions, and I think the point I'm trying to make has been made. Here's the secondary point, and I'm going to reemphasize it. The tobacco industry must be looked at by this Legislature. Those who hawk vending machines must be looked after by this Legislature. The minors...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...no way. Senator Hefner even agrees that tobacco is more devastating, and all the statistics and studies show that, too, than alcohol. But we're going to place a heavier punishment for serving liquor to a minor than providing alcohol...I meant than tobacco. I want to hear people explain to me why they will reject my amendment. Senator Hefner did not give a reason for rejecting it, he gave every reason why it ought to be accepted. But for those who would oppose it, I'm going to listen to the rationale for its rejection.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek. Okay. Anyone else wish to speak to the Chambers amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Chambers? Yeah, Senator Chambers, no one wishes to speak on the bill, would you like to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Madam President. I know why nobody wants to speak on it, because they know that I'm absolutely right and they are absolutely wrong. They know that there is nothing that can be said reasonably, logically, or rationally for exposing our children to these kinds of products, when all of that talk is going to be made when we adopted Senator Moore's amendment, that these machines are going to be regulated. Whether or not the punishment comes into play is left within the hands of those who operate these establishments and want the tobacco machines. I get highly agitated when we're talking about the welfare and interests of young people, and I see such a callous disregard for the young people. We are bartering, trading, and selling, this morning, and our children are the ones being bartered, traded, and sold. We all know how alluring tobacco products are made to our young people. We know how many things our young people fall prey and victim to in this society. We talk about pornography, which doesn't kill them. We have organizations banning books, which will not kill them. And we have a product here which we know will kill them, and we dare not take an action that is designed to shield and protect them.