

SENATOR HABERMAN: I believe so, having them in your possession.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Would you...I mean, I could be wrong. I would stand corrected if you could offer that information.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, the point I am trying to make, have you ever known of anyone who has ever been arrested for selling cigarettes to a minor?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have never known that statute to be enforced. We have a statute on the books.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I am not saying it hasn't, Senator Haberman. I just don't happen to have personal knowledge.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have never talked to anyone. Has anyone in this body, put your hand up if you know that it has been enforced, the statute that says you have to be 18-years or older to purchase cigarettes, have you ever heard of anybody being arrested or having that enforced? He is 49 people, DiAnna, none of them have ever known this to be enforced. What guarantee do you have that this bill is going to be enforced?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, because people have to have licenses to sell tobacco. Those licenses are checked, and if there were vending machines in the establishment, I think it would be perfectly obvious to everyone.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, what we are going to do then is we are going to have government come in and say to these people who have vending machines, boy, you had never better violate this law. We are going to enforce it and take your license, put you out of business, shut you down, or whatever. But on the other hand, these young people can go into a grocery store, purchase cigarettes, nothing happens to them. There is no vending machines. They just go up and buy them, give the money to them and walk out. They can go into the 7-Elevens, they can go into any convenient store and buy cigarettes and nobody does anything about it. Why at Imperial, Nebraska, if the local police would arrest anybody under 18 for buying cigarettes, the town would probably explode. They won't do that. You don't see it in Lincoln. You don't see it in Omaha. So what we are doing we are saying to one segment of the citizenry, vending machines,