

I think the bill and the amendment that we adopted the other day is a step forward. I think, you know, I don't disagree with Senator Schimek's intent of getting cigarettes out of minors hands. The fact is with the Schimek amendment, besides the fact, in my opinion, you'll probably kill the bill because I know I will vote against it and I think many others will. I think she, in essence, kills the bill by adopting this amendment. I prefer to keep the bill as it is, you know, making great strides forward by cutting in more than half the amount of vending machines that minors can go to, whereas you still leave them in a licensed liquor establishment. I think the bill is in a form that makes a step forward, that the vast majority of the body seems able to live with. I would hate to see Senator Schimek's amendment get adopted and then see the bill fail. I think we have made a good step forward and, once again, by passage of this bill even with the inconvenience it has to many smokers, if you really did away with minors smoking cigarettes, I would then vote for it but, obviously, as we all know, you don't do that and we have laws on the books that are not enforced. And you don't really accomplish that much by going the extra mile that Senator Schimek wants to go. My concern is that you...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...will, in essence, destroy chances of the bill passing. I would urge the body to reject the Senator Schimek amendment, stand firm with our position taken the other day and move this bill forward, and have LB 130 put in the laws of the books, and have a significant decrease in the amount of vending machines that minors have access to in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Robak, followed by Senators Nelson, Schmit, and Schimek. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I not only oppose the Schimek amendment, I oppose LB 180 (sic). I think here we are back again where we are doing all these do good, I mean do nothing, feel good drug bills. It is election year and it feels better in an election than it doesn't feel in any other year. And I agree with Senator Moore, if it would keep cigarettes out of the hands of children, I would vote for it too. But I think that we'd all have to agree that, like Senator Chambers is always saying, the death penalty does not