

agree with you, Senator Schimek, children should not be allowed to use the machines. The machines perhaps ought not to be in an area that are readily accessible to children, but we know that today children buy cigarettes, young people buy cigarettes. I would assume that no matter what we would do, we will have some of the same problems that we have in the case of minors with alcohol. But the facts are that you see children on the streets puffing on cigarettes every day of the week. You walk out of this Capitol and see it. They get them somewhere, and we are coming down hard on the owners of the vending machines...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...when we do not do anything else to stop the illegal sale of cigarettes. I do not think I have ever heard of a merchant being prosecuted for the sale of cigarettes to a minor, and if I have heard or if you have heard, I would like to know about it. But what we are saying is we are going to treat a symptom out there, we are not going to treat the cause. If, in fact, we are going to stamp out the purchase of cigarettes by youngsters, it ought to be across the board, it ought to be swift, certain, and severe, but maybe we ought to take a look at whose responsibility it is then to reimburse the owners of the machines for those machines which were purchased legally, used legally, paid tax for many years, and now are suddenly considered to be illegal. One last question, as of now those machines are business equipment and are subject to personal taxes, are those individuals going to be required to pay taxes on machines...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that we have declared illegal or have limited the use of? I think that is another very logical and moral question, one which ought to be answered by this Legislature. If we are going to make them illegal, then we ought to vacate the taxes on them. I don't think we can vacate the taxes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's a dilemma we have ourselves in, isn't it?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers,