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wall. We have one state, Utah, which has already adopted such a bill. New York State is looking at it. Minnesota, alone, has 20 cities which have adopted ordinances banning cigarette vending machines. And many other state's cities have as well. I mentioned to you the other day on the floor that in the south there are even cities in...in places where the tobacco industry is located there are even cities that have banned cigarette vending machines. In addition, these machines can be converted to certain kinds of...to sale of certain kinds of other objects, mostly goods that you would...you would get boxed, but they can be converted to sell other items. So I...I think that this...I think this is an eventuality that is on its way that within ten years, perhaps, there will be no more cigarette vending machines in places where minors have access. This has been called for at the national level. In fact, the Commission on Drug Free Schools, part of its recommendation was that we ban the cigarette vending machines. They felt and said that any machines to which youth have access should be eliminated. So I guess, Senator Robak and Senator Schmit, sure, I have concerns, but I think we've given some time for these machines to be phased out of the establishments where they would be...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...illegal and I think that we have...I think that it's something that's going to happen anyway. Legislation was considered at the federal level last year which would have done virtually the same thing. You know, it's just going to happen eventually. The thing is do we want to...do we want to continue to follow or do we want to lead in this matter. I think Nebraska has led in a lot of important issues over the years, I think this is just one more issue in which we could show our leadership. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk, do you have an announcement?

CLERK: Madam President, very quickly, Education Committee will meet in Exec Session in Room 2022; 2022 at eleven-fifteen. The Education Committee, Room 2022 at eleven-fifteen.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Schimek amendment. I believe that this