

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Haberman, followed by Senators Moore and Schimek. Senator Haberman.

**SENATOR HABERMAN:** Madam President, members of the body, we have been told that the tobacco industry has worked this bill and they're opposed to the bill. Well, I believe that the car dealers have worked bills to be exempted from inventory tax. The University of Nebraska has lobbyists and worked this body for more money. The state colleges have lobbyists that work this body for more money. The NSEA has teachers working and they have worked this body for more money. School boards, principals, cities, counties, oh, and the judges, they have lobbyists and they've worked this body. Now the lawyers have worked this body. They have...they have and are, many of them, lobbyists. The retail business, the building industry, the drilling entities that drill wells and stuff in southwest Nebraska. And I will refer to the liquor dealers again, oh, they work this body bad when you're going to increase the price of liquor. But, you know, it's all right for somebody to get boozed up and go down the highway and kill a family with a couple kids. Yeah, that's all right, we don't have...we don't go into the liquor store and say, he bought a bottle of liquor here and he went and had this accident, we're going to close you for six months. We don't do that. We don't go back to where he purchased the liquor and penalize them, but we're going to do it for those people who smoke. Yeah, those people who smoke who buy illegal to the youngsters, we're going to get them. But if this youngster is 16 years old, 17 years old, and he's boozed up and he goes down and wrecks his dad's car, runs into somebody, kills somebody, we don't go back to the liquor store there and close them up. No! No! And that kills more people, kills the family, little kids, but that's all right, we're not going to close them up. So I think this is an infringement on the rights of the people of the State of Nebraska, it's an infringement on an industry. I'm against youngsters smoking, I want you to understand that, but I don't think this is the way to stop it, because it's not going to stop it. The fiscal note says itself it's not going to stop it. So I would like to ask you not to advance to E & R Initial but leave it sit right where it is because we're sticking our nose...government is saying to these people, government, government, government and you can't do this and you can't do that and it isn't going to work. Thank you, Madam President.