

additional information that is coming out daily about the terrible ravages that tobacco products are causing, not only in the people of America, but in Latin and South America also, we can see that this is a terrible substance, even though it is legal, that is being made available to the public. I had talked with Senator Owen Elmer, by way of a discussion on the floor, about various farm chemicals that would be taken off the market instantaneously if they were found to cause the number of deaths and illnesses that are caused by tobacco products. But the people who hawk these death-dealing products manage to get them legalized. Now we're faced with a substance that causes more deaths than all the automobile accidents, than crack, heroine, marijuana, homicide put together. Tobacco smoking has killed more people this century than all the wars that have been fought by this country, all of them. Four hundred and thirty-five thousand people a year are killed from tobacco related products in this country each year. In 18 months more people are killed from tobacco smoking than died during the second World War. If a foreign country were to use a nefarious tactic of introducing into this country a substance that would kill 435,000 Americans a year, Bush, Reagan would come out of retirement, all of the saber rattlers, all of the hawks, all of those men in the funny little hats, who hate me because I describe their funny little hats as funny little hats, would want to jump into airplanes and bomb that country out of existence. But when we tell them that R.J. Reynolds and these other big pushers are the ones we're talking about, then everybody backs away and says, well, that's free enterprise. You have to allow these people to make this money. The product is legal, even though it results in 435,000 deaths a year. In Nebraska alone over 2,000 people died last year from smoking. I will stand on this floor and argue against certain bills that some people are pushing because they say those bills are designed to help the family. Bills that are designed to take away a woman's right to make a choice as to whether she'll have an abortion, those who support those anti abortion bills will say their concern about unborn human life, but then we turn around and I find a problem with them not being concerned about the life that's already here. Four hundred and thirty-five thousand people, 2,000 of them in Nebraska who, as the philosophers say, are in being right now. The devastation that this causes to families, over \$300 million, I believe, is the figure in Nebraska that is lost through health care costs and lost productivity based on the use of tobacco products. We'll have people talking about economic development here, economic development there, uplifting the society, providing