

original bill would have eliminated vending machines altogether. Though Senator Schimek's amendment would be better than the original bill, I don't...I guess I'm not convinced it's that workable and, for that reason, I would rise to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Chambers and Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, Senator Moore, I think this is a very reasonable amendment. Now we discussed this whole issue on General File and I concluded at the end of that debate that it was going to be very difficult to identify in terms of number of feet from any given area where those vending machines could be, because it varies from bar to bar, from restaurant to restaurant, the configurations of those buildings in those premises does. Also, I might tell you that it's the local subdivisions who actually have authority over what the licensed premises are and so that can vary from locale to locale. What this amendment attempts to do is to bring some continuity into it across the state and, Senator Moore, the term "room" and the term "dispense" are both used in liquor control statutes already. So I don't think that this would be a problem as maybe some people might suggest. All I want to do is to make cigarettes as least accessible to young people as possible, to those who are not legally entitled to buy. And I think this amendment would put those vending machines where there is some responsible person that can oversee them. I think it's reasonable. I think it attempts to do what we tried to do on General File but was too difficult to define. So, once again, I would suggest that we attach this amendment and move the bill forward today. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, last year, Senator Moore, last year R.J. Reynolds spent over \$580,000 on lobbying activities in Nebraska. The smokeless tobacco people spent \$35,931 or you may as well say \$36,000; the Tobacco Institute, \$40,000. So, Senator Moore and Senator Will, for this dope that you all want to see available to our children, the tobacco industry spent a total of at least \$657,535. Would you be in favor of allowing crack to be legalized since it doesn't addict as many people and doesn't cause as much harm? I wonder if Senator Moore is opposed to the