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don't totally eliminate a minor's ability to purchase cigarettes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you're willing to place at risk our young people in order to make the cigarettes available to adults?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I'm willing to make a step forward as LB 130 does, in its present form, to significantly limit the number of vending machines that are accessible to minors in public areas, like the bill does that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR MOORE: ...in its present form.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, were you aware...and these figures were obtained from that lobby report, that the tobacco industry has spent, and I may not have all the figures, at least \$657,000 last year lobbying in Nebraska? Were you aware that the figure was that high?

SENATOR WILL: I was not aware of what the figure was at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it tell you that they have a great interest in making sure that their product remains available to as many people as possible?

SENATOR WILL: It tells me they have an interest in legislation, certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is an ingenuous answer, thank you, but it was an answer. And the reason I'm cutting it, our time is up so we wouldn't have a chance to pursue it. So I won't ask you a question which you wouldn't be able to answer because of the absence of time. But, members of the Legislature, it shows that the drug dealing tobacco industry has spent more than you can find any individual drug dealer in Nebraska being documented as having spent so he can push his brand of drugs to our children.