

the amendment. I don't know that because of those the enforcement mechanism may not be able to be used. I think the amendment may end up just being surplusage to the statute. So I think, unless we can come up with a little tighter definition, I don't think it ought to be adopted.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to make some introductions to the Legislature. Seated under the north balcony are special guests of Senator Hefner. His niece, Caroline Olson, and her daughters, Elizabeth and Emilie from Belden, Nebraska. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. And seated under the south balcony are special guests of Senator Robinson, Bob Fitzgerald and Ronita Walker and children of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, and members of the body, Senator Ashford, I thank you for that speech and I agree with you wholeheartedly and I wish that we were...that we could go back to General File and undo what was done on General File because it was not the intent of the introducer of this bill that we...that we exempt bars from this particular bill, I mean, because...because of the problems that you raised. It is not easy, once you get...once you allow them in a place where the public is, to have control over them anymore. And if they're in bars or in hallways or closets or someplace that's not easily seen by either the proprietor or any of the people who work there, the bartender, whatever, then you lose control over it, then you have the same problem that you had before. And I concede that that's what's going to happen in these bars that do not have tighter controls. So, even at that though, Senator Ashford, there will be many places that will no longer be able to have cigarette vending machines. That will be less accessible. And if I were a teenager, in most cases, and in a lot of cases, I would be really reluctant to go into a bar and try to do something like that anyway. It's only in the places where children are accepted and where they're usually there either with their parents or after school for Cokes and candy bars, as occurs in some small towns, that I think that there is really going to be ready access. Even at that, I would still rather have this bill than nothing at all. Thank you.

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