

SENATOR WILL: It sure can.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it has a property in...that's at least related to what happens with marijuana and other illegal drugs.

SENATOR WILL: With respect to the fact that it can modify behavior, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that marijuana has been shown in those who smoke it to be as devastating healthwise as tobacco?

SENATOR WILL: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that there are over 1,000 pollutants contained in tobacco?

SENATOR WILL: I knew there were a lot.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. That's all I need to ask my good friend, Senator Will, who leads the sheltered life. I say again that we should allow the localities, because this is a health matter, to regulate this activity as they think is necessary in the best interest of their children. It's harder for the tobacco industry to control every locality, that's why they will spend over a half million dollars lobbying at the state level. They fill a lot of pockets, fill a lot of bellies, influence a lot of votes and what is happening here today shows their power. But if there's somehow a buffer can be placed between that awesome power which is feared by so many on the floor of this Legislature that the tobacco industry has, we should allow that buffer to be put in place. We should allow the local officials to do that which we, as state officials, are afraid to do.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On General File, there was an attempt to do what Senator Will and Senator Hall want to do with this amendment and it failed. It should fail at this point also. We should never discourage a locality from doing more for the welfare of its people than we at the state are prepared to do. They are in much closer touch with the voters, they live there and they're not going to be wined and dine by the tobacco industry and its minions as the members of this Legislature will