

be. So I hope you will at least make this token resistance to the tobacco industry because that, in effect, is what you will be doing.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I, too, would rise, Madam President, in opposition to the amendment. Senator Will talked about the inconsistency of local option, in fact, the idea of a minimum standard on something of safety to the citizens is frequently done in a manner that this bill has established, as Senator Will is familiar with. We have day-care standards, for instance, in this state where when we first adopted some of those back about ten years ago, we allowed the City of Lincoln to opt into the higher standard and at the local level enforce that higher standard and that statewide standard we had in place. We do it on building codes. We have a statewide building code. We allow opt in local option to meet that standard or higher with a different code. We do that...medical lab, the federal government has just come down with some standards, the state has the option to opt in local control at a higher standard, environmentally. Otherwise, for fields outside of health and human services, we frequently when the public safety is involved set a minimum standard and allow local option to meet or exceed that standard under certain circumstances. To allow this sort of foolish amendment to be adopted runs counter to that precedent in the past and I would urge your strong opposition to it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I can't add to much to the words of...Senator Wesely has already said it and, again, I definitely oppose the amendment. Local option is granted in many, many cases. We just passed a bill last year on economic development, again, local option. I see nothing wrong with this. I see this as, again, weakening the bill and I know Senator Will is or Senator Hall very serious in the fact that we have overall state regulations. We had this when we discussed the problem with local liquor control a few years back. But I definitely do oppose the amendment. They should have that right and they know the institutions and they should have that right to make their own decisions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Will.