

particular bill, that the issue ought to become one that would hinder the bill's passage, or even slow it down. I think similar things have been done, and some far more blatantly than this, because at least you don't attack the Supreme Court as one of the so called anti abortion bills has done, and that terminology continues to be in the statute.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to...to support Senator Withem's motion to return. And I want to make clear now that although I've been involved in a number of debates on this issue, that I'm not standing up to slow down the bill. In fact, if Senator Withem's motion is not adopted, I intend to vote for the passage of this bill. Even though I don't...I don't agree with all of his provisions, I do agree that the...the goal is worthy, and that is of prohibiting tobacco access...or minors access to tobacco products to the...to the extent reasonable. I...I, too, am concerned about the proliferation of intent language that we have in a lot of statutes. I think that the purpose of intent language ought to be very narrow, and that is if you have a law that's being passed, that's not clear on its face exactly what the law is intended to do, I think having a concise intent section serves a good purpose. I think when we begin to depart from that, by including very broad, brush language that leads into editorializing, leads into things that really don't have a place in the laws of the State of Nebraska, that we have to watch out at that point. This is something that has bothered me over the years as I've written legislation, and as I've voted on legislation. I think it's something that would be a worthy study to go through the statutes and find intent language that probably does not have a place in statute, weed that out. Another thing that this...Section 1 of this bill has in it, it says, it's the intent of the Legislature to ban the use of any vending machines and similar devices to dispense tobacco products in facilities, buildings, or areas which are open to the general public within Nebraska. Well, that's not what the bill does anymore. The bill carves out a specific exemption for licensed liquor establishments. So, to that extent, the intent language there is plainly and simply misleading. And I think it probably behooves us, probably at some point other than the Final Reading stage, but it behooves us to pay close attention to intent language to findings within bills that we are debating, and make sure that they, not only match up with what