

they're using it, it is against the law. In fact, if they have it on their person, it is against the law. So it is nothing that is unusual that we say...when we say to our children not only do we want you to know that you can't use it because it's a bad substance, not only do we want you to know that you can't buy it because it's a bad substance, we want you to know that even if your father buys it and gives it to you and you have it, we assume if it's on your body, you're going to be using it in some sort, we don't want you to use it, you can't buy it, you can't have it on your person. And you go back into the high schools and it's really interesting, those of you that have been back there, and, of course, it's been so long now that I've almost forgotten, but I remember what they used to call the potty patrols, and I know they still have it, because if you saw a child with a cigarette...with a package of cigarettes, you believed, in a pocket or in a sleeve in a jacket, there really wasn't much you could do because it's not against the law to possess. So what you have to do, if you want to stop the child from smoking and getting the harmful effects of the tar and nicotine and the tobacco product, you have to sneak around and try to find them in the bathroom, or wherever they are, actually using it. And if you can catch them using it, then it's okay, then you can get them. And, of course, then the game is they will have their guard out and security and if they can get it in the toilet and flush it down the toilet before you can actually get in to see them, you can take them in and harass them a little bit but there's really nothing you can do. The point is the following. If this Legislature is truly serious about truly trying to stop the pollution and the harmful effects, bodily effects that smoke causes from tobacco then let's get to the issue. The issue is, do we want people to smoke? I don't believe the body is ready, at this point, to say we want to ban smoking, but the body and law already accepts, in the law, that we don't want our children to use, so we have banned smoking to minors already. If you ban minors from smoking, the one fallacy in the law was that we did not ban them from possessing it, and that's what this does. It sends the message to our youth, we don't want you to buy it, we don't want you to use it, and we don't even want it on your body. Just like if they had smack or cocaine, we don't want them to use it, we don't want them to buy it and we don't want it on their person. It's very clear and I understand where Senator Chambers is coming from. I understand the argument. I think, in this case, we disagree on whether or not this is the proper time to do and the proper place and that's simply a disagreement that we have. That's why I'm