

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Janssen, it's always dangerous...did you want any time back? Okay, Senator Janssen, we had some of that same type of thing in North Platte but it was in another area, it wasn't on alco...it wasn't on tobacco, it was on alcohol. They were taking...the police were taking young kids that looked like they were of age but they were under age, taking them in with notable people within the society that people will say, oh, they're with so and so, they wouldn't break the law, I mean, that's fine, and so they would try to entrap store owners into selling alcohol to this minor. And as soon as they did, then the police came and tried to shut them down. That went into court and actually the courts threw that out on entrapment. They said that was a deliberate attempt to mislead, to make it appear as if the person was of age; yes, it shouldn't have happened but there was no indication with the people that were there that it was, and so that was...that was thrown out. You know, I do recognize the fact that parents who, when they send their child to a store to pick up some cigarettes, may be inconvenienced to some degree and might have to actually get off their duff and go get it themselves, and I understand how difficult that would be for some parents. They would rather put their child at risk, knowing that they may get two packs, because they have some extra money and the dad only asked for one, so they can give that to the dad and the other kid...the child can have the other for cigarettes. You know, I understand that would be a difficult thing for some store managers to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...put up with. So I say that sarcastically. I still think, for the most part, if the dad wanted to get the cigarettes, probably he could find a way to do it without putting his son in jeopardy. But I understand the entrapment process that you were talking about and it is a very serious problem with some of the small store owners. You are absolutely correct.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion on the Bernard-Stevens amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. I fully