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addicted are drug addicts. That's plain and simple what we're dealing with, but we call these things by a different name. He said he works...I won't give the name, I forget it, some company that sells a lot of cigarettes to people in my area, and how do I feel about that? I said, I don't want anybody in my district to smoke. And he got very quiet. He thinks that I'm promoting smoking among poor people and others, and especially those in my district. I wish nobody in my district would smoke. There is an organization known as the Conference or Council of Black State Legislators. I have never attended one of their meetings, I will never attend one. They accept money from the tobacco industry and from the liquor industry. My community, above all others, cannot be...cannot afford, from the standpoint of poor health, the damage caused to pregnant women and their children, we can't afford that. And to have black people who supposedly represent our interests, accepting money from those purveyors of death, is something I find so reprehensible I will not attend any of their meetings. Now, Senator Engel, I think, had said, and others have said the same thing, that people will go across the river to buy cigarettes, if you put a 30 cent tax on it, or they'll go to Dakota or somewhere. That's the same argument made about casino gambling. They can go to these other states and gamble, but you all don't run in here and say, well let there be casino gambling in Nebraska. So those arguments don't even make sense. They're given by the tobacco industry and they're echoed by their minions on the floor and out in the lobby. I wouldn't trust any study made by the tobacco industry, and they're the ones who are usually talking about how people are going to flock to other states...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if you raise the tax. They're the ones who hid those studies of their own that documented the hazards of tobacco smoking, and they concealed them. When I get a chance, if possible, I want to talk about that letter that I've gotten copies of that the tobacco industry put out. The dumbest thing I've ever seen. And the people who send them, show that they've suffered brain damage from the smoking. But here's a way to test, check the tobacco related illnesses in these states, and that's how you can tell if the consumption has been affected. If the rate of those illnesses has not dropped, then