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Senator Landis correctly pointed out something that the tobacco industry has tried to deny for generations, that is, that tobacco smoking is addictive. Nicotine is a drug. The drug industry...well, I guess they call it the tobacco industry, I should call them the drug pushers, meaning the tobacco industry, do not want the dope that they push to be regulated. The state of Nebraska, along with other states, will participate in a settlement, a buyoff, a bribe being offered by the dope-pushing industry to lighten up and give it a break. I do not think the Legislature, by deliberately placing an affirmative act or by offering an exemption, such as Senator Landis's amendment would do, should in any way facilitate, accommodate or encourage drug use, and that's exactly what's being done. You see, brothers and sisters, I have grown weary of the bills that are brought here to punish our young people for doing what they see adults do. Any alcohol in their system can lead to loss of driver's license. Having a container that's open which holds alcohol or is alleged to hold alcohol can carry dire consequences for young people. But as soon as we get to the adults, who are to be setting the example, we become "slue-footed", "box-ankled", and filled with "alibi-ing". Let these people, as that famous French lady said about the poor people starving, let them eat cake, let them chew Nicorette gum. But I'm not sympathetic enough to adopt Senator Landis's amendment. I have friends who are drug addicts. We use to call them dope fiends when I was growing up. I do not ever knowingly and willingly do anything to encourage the problem that they have, nor to make them feel that somehow it's in their best interest to continue. I don't preach to them. I'm not judgmental, because they may look at the abstemious life that I live and wonder why I would even live, period. But I am not going to support Senator Landis's amendment. People can give all kinds of alibis for any and every weakness, this we all understand. But before this session is over, I expect to hear people standing on this floor talking about individuals taking responsibility for their actions. I'm going to hear, probably, talk about values of one kind or another. Fortunately...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for the body, but unfortunately for me, because I would have had so much fun with it, I've not heard my