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of soft drinks before they could be dispensed in the state, you would have to set up something at the border to prevent anything which was not flouridated from coming into the state, and perhaps under the powers of the state to regulate the health and welfare of the citizens, they could get around the interstate commerce clause and say that even items moving in interstate commerce could be stopped at the borders, if the state felt that it was a danger to the inhabitants of the citizens. Also the manufacture of candy, I'm not aware of occurring to a great extent within the boundries of the state of Nebraska, so again it would be a matter of dealing with items which are manufactured someplace else and the manufactor is not about to put flouride in either one of these products or any of the others, I'm not sure what the entire list is, so I think the amendment might serve to point up some of the issues that are involved in this discussion, but it is impractical, and impossible of enforcement, so I would urge the legislature to defeat it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh, then Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I have a question for Senator Carstens please.

PRESIDENT: Very good, Senator Carstens, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR CARSTENS: I will.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Has the Nebraska Dental Association seen your amendment?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Why I couldnt' speak for the Nebraska Dental Association, I know they know about it because dentists at my home were members of the association, have contacted me about it.

SENATOR MARSH: Are all the dentists in Beatrice in favor of this amendment?

SENATOR CARSTENS: I don't know that any of them are.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, still speaking on the Carstens amendment, 449.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well I was just, Mr. President if I could ask Senator Carstens a question, it would appear to me that as far as the pop is concerned, wouldn't the pop already, the water's, that they make the pop from be flouridated, such as in cities in Lincoln, and Omaha, that already is and I would think that in the future if we had a flouridation law passed that the pop would be flouridated because the water that they make it from is flouridated, I'm not speaking either for or against your amendment, but I just wonder, what it's trying to do and what it would accomplish, that wouldn't be accomplished just by the passage of the bill?

SENATOR CARSTENS: First of all, I do not know, I do not believe many bottlers use water right out of the tap, I don't know whether they go through a filteration process or distillation process, I know Coca Cola has some purification process, and whether or not this removes any of the flouride for chemical content, I do not know, but I do know that a great many soft drinks are imported, or shipped into the state rather, to super-markets or what not, I believe 7-Up for example has a distribution center in Marysville, Kansas, where a lot of 7-Up is bottled that