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to dispatch of these amendments and the people that are sincerely in favor of local control, I'd like to visit with them and see if an amendment would work, whereby those communities that wanted to withdraw from mandatory flouridation could by a vote of the people, remove themselves from the state wide system of protecting their teeth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak, Senator Fred Carstens, still speaking on the Snyder amendment to the Lewis amendment 449, that is the issue before the body it relates to elections.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well I'm not sure if I'm out of order you can call me out of order, but I'd like to ask Senator Johnson a question?

PRESIDENT: Sure, Senator Johnson will you yield to a question? Stand by. Big conference. Senator Johnson, Senator Johnson, Senator Fred Carstens has a question of you sir. Do you yield?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Senator Johnson I was very interested in something you said, and that is our laws and action with the regulation and so forth of alcoholic beverages and other things, would you agree that the consumption of alcohol is harmful to health in many instances?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Would you support a bill to prohibit the sale of alcohol in Nebraska?

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: There is a lot of things to take into consideration there, when you say it is harmful, to what extent and so forth, so the bill itself would have to be considered individually.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Alright, I have another question then, I have a tobacco container here in which there is a statement warning from the surgeon general that it determines that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health, now do you accept the fact that smoking is possibly dangerous or there is danger and harm in smoking?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I think there is overwhelming evidence that excessive smoking is dangerous.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Would you support a bill to prohibit the sale of tobacco and tobacco products, cigarettes and so on in Nebraska in order to protect the health of the people?

SENATOR JOHNSON: The same answer would be given as to the alcohol.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Thank you.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I'd have to consider the bill as it is written.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit we still have before us the Snyder amendment which relates to elections, and that is the issue we are trying to dispose of at this time so we can go back to the Richard Lewis amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I rise in opposition to the Snyder amendment and also the Lewis