

cigarettes. That is right. That is in the statute. But why don't they prosecute? Because they'd have to take out all of the machines where you buy cigarettes, they'd have to crack down on all the grocery stores, and you'd have one of the biggest uproars that you have ever heard. So we are being hypocritical. We are saying we are going to enforce the bootlegging law, we are going to do this and we are going to do this and you've had a law on the books that is not being enforced. So I would say that is talking out of both sides of your mouth. I would like to see Senator Johnson stand up here on the floor and say I will personally see that the county attorneys enforce the law, and if they don't do it, I will personally go to the Attorney General to see that the county attorneys enforce the present law. If we aren't going to enforce the present law, let's put in legislation to abolish it. I'm getting sick and tired of us passing laws that are saying they are going to be enforced, going to the nonsmoking areas. You see signs in restaurants that they do not have nonsmoking areas. Seat belts, that is not going to be enforced. But we pass these laws and we walk out of here and, boy, we raise the flag that we've done all these good things and we have laws on the books that are not being enforced. That is kind of hard for me to swallow. So we passed a cigarette tax a few years ago to build a basketball court. Give me the court and I'll give you a winning team. Well, I was told the other day that they were going to punish Nebraska, due to violation of the laws, by making us hire Moe Iba back for five more years. That is the story that I heard. But my point is this, they are using this four cents to get us out of a financial crunch...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...with a tax increase. Would Senator Johnson stand up here and say when we are out of the tax increase we are going to take it off? Uh-uh. They won't do that. So I oppose the bill. It is picking on a special interest group. Let's tax those people that just use libraries. Let's go after other special interest groups. No, it is easy to go after the smokers. It is easy to go after the smokers because it is supposed to be a sin. Well, don't they have any choice if they want to sin? They want to smoke, let them smoke. But that is no reason just to pick them out and tax them. So I'm going to oppose the bill. If nothing else, I'm going to oppose the bill because they are not enforcing the laws that we have now that