

argument is, what are we going to do about the minors? With Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment being attached to where it's illegal for possession, if you go out and attack it on that grounds, you attack that you don't give them samples and you attack that you don't allow them to possess, and so with that, Senator Morrissey, I think Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment takes care of what you want to do. You've got some intent language in there that I think is probably pretty good, particularly where minors, it's impractical to keep it totally out of their hands, but when we go to making possession illegal, I think that's where the pendulum swings the other way and I'm more comfortable with that. So with that, Senator Morrissey, I think your amendment is taken care of with Senator Bernard-Stevens' and at this point I could not support your amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Is Senator Bernard-Stevens on...Senator Bernard-Stevens, could I ask you a question, please? And my question being, what are the penalties in the amendment that we just adopted?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Morrissey, the penalties are the exact same thing as it was before, it is a classified misdemeanor.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So it's not similar to minor in possession of alcohol.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The statute that we just amended was a statute that talks about tobacco products only and it now says instead of...if you used it before, if you used it before or if you purchased it before it was a classified misdemeanor. What I did is added the other phrase in there, if you possess as well. That was the section and it was...it's Section 28-1418 of the statutes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay. Thank you. I think, again, I think if you read the intent language, alcohol and tobacco especially are different. We can't take it away, take it out of the country, prohibition and you know you can't do that. But you can do everything you can to deny people access and prevent them from getting hooked on it, adults as well as minors. Why should