

One of the difficulties in dealing with a situation such as this is the absence of precision in the way we discuss the issue, in the way we think about it, because there are forces at work here other than concern for young people and how best to take care of that concern. The tobacco industry and those who make money from vending machines are calling the shots. If it were not for those interests, it would be very easy for us to reach a consensus which would declare that since tobacco products are harmful to everybody, and we're going to make a move as a Legislature to protect minors from that harmful substance, we're not going to allow vending machines to be any place where minors can legitimately go. I'm going to support Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before we continue with debate, I would like to direct the senators attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guest today of Senator Schrock is Sandy Johnson of Omaha. Would she please rise and be recognized and welcomed to the Chamber. Thank you. Does anyone else wish to address the Schimek amendment? Senator Schimek, would you like to close?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, just very briefly. The amendment says, and the amendment is actually amending the Moore amendment which would permit cigarette vending machines in bars and restaurants. The amendment says, no establishment shall have cigarette vending machines...oh, oh, wrong one. I'm sorry. It says, any cigarette vending machine on such premises shall be within five feet of the main cash register. With that, I would just move its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We'll now vote on the Schimek amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, could we have a roll call vote, please. Call of the house, roll call vote. I have all this help behind me.

PRESIDENT MOUL: A motion for a call of the house. We'll have a machine vote. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.