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needs to know exactly what is being done. And on these kind of hellish issues, how they are decided, it is cold power and money is what is moving this whole thing. When you hear these convoluted arguments which get away from the real issue, it lets you know that those senators who are supporting the tobacco industry are afraid, or whatever, to come right out and say what it is they are doing. Some of them I have never seen stand on the floor and defend with such fervor any issue, and they are going to stand up here and defend the tobacco industry to the detriment of our young people. Watch those who speak on this issue and see how many times you don't see them speak on others, I mean those who are supporting the tobacco industry.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that is all that they are doing, that is all that they are doing, and that is all the tobacco lobbyist is concerned about, getting this amendment, trying to defeat this bill. And the senators who purport to represent the interest of the people and the public welfare are going to help this lobbyist do his job. I don't fault him. I admire him for being able to turn so many people, who are contradictory in supporting his amendment, to his will. There are going to be other matters where they are going to stand up and talk and speak in direct contravention to what they are saying on this tobacco industry amendment. They are going to talk about the children. They are going to talk about family. They are going to talk about traditional values, and every time the word comes out of their mouth following it should be hypocrite, hypocrite, hypocrite.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senator Chambers, can I ask you a question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Certainly.

SENATOR ROBAK: Were you referring to me as one of those speakers that are speaking out against...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Robak, I don't even know if you have spoken on this issue yet.

SENATOR ROBAK: Oh, I did just prior to you coming on the floor.