

not able to stand and deliver on the things they promise when they run for office. They're not able to be the people on this floor when time comes to make a vote that they project themselves as being when they talk to young children, students and civic groups. Those groups don't really follow what we do and they take us at our word. They think they're dealing with people who, in fact, state principles, stand on those principles, then act in accord with them. Maybe what ought to be done, because I've never done this since I don't beg or accept money from these organizations and lobbying groups, is to review where the money comes from that people running for office receive. I never thought it really made that much difference because they don't get money just from those big interests. But when you see those big interests backing them maybe what they do is not so much in terms of giving money that's above the table that is reported but the other type of assistance and the threats of harm if the senators don't fold and do what they're instructed to do. This is a bill that is being worked by the tobacco industry and the vending machine interests, and it appears that, at this point in the struggle, they have the upper hand. I will tell you why I say that. There are some senators who are not being inconsistent in supporting the tobacco industry, they always have. There are some who have always supported various types of machines, but there are other senators who do a lot of yippity yapping...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about family values and children and they're going along with the tobacco industry knowing the damage that is done, all of a sudden concerned about vending machines and the people who are going to lose some money if we pass a bill to protect our children. Solomon would love to have to make a decision like the kind our senators make, our children are the vending machines, why they vote for the vending machine. Solomon said, I'm presented with that situation where two women claimed that one child is both of theirs, how do I resolve this difficulty? We would never be in a position like Solomon's. Our moral and mental acumen is not that fine-tuned. We can understand things like a vending machine that sells tobacco products that will kill our children or our children and weighing the relative values of these things it's easy for us to say, well, we got to protect the tobacco industry and the vending machines.