

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I rise to support the advancement of LB 130. It's one of those things where you sit here and listen and you always get frustrated. It's always frustrating when people tend to...the body doesn't see things quite like they, obviously, they're quick to get up and blame the lobby. And several people have said, well, if you're for this bill then, obviously, you're bought and paid for by the tobacco lobby and that's just one of those things that grates at me but there's nothing I can do about that. Those that want to operate that way, I can't do anything about it. As far as me being uncomfortable, I'm not the least bit uncomfortable with my position on this bill. I would be uncomfortable if I was saying don't do anything with vending machines. But, by Senator Schimek's own numbers, if you can extrapolate the one person she talked to, the bill, as it now stands, will do away with 66 percent of the vending machines in public places, 66 percent, if you buy those numbers. Those are her numbers, not mine. That's a reasonable step forward. It's not the tobacco industry that I introduced my amendment for. The tobacco industry has never once talked to me on this bill and they have a lot more at stake than probably the Nebraska Dental Association who wants to lobby for it, but that's neither here nor there. The reason I introduced my amendment, the reason I think the bill is good is that I happen to represent "Joe Six-pack", the beer and burger crowd out there that likes to have a smoke when they're in a bar. It's a legal thing to do. Senator Peterson and Senator Dierks, you know, if you were...I know you oppose the gun control because you said a law abiding citizen ought to be allowed to do that. Well, does that mean because you're opposed to that, you're for the gangs in Omaha shooting people? If you can save one life shouldn't you do away with all guns? Let's be a little bit consistent, let's be a little bit reasonable. Senator Schimek's bill, in its original form, wouldn't have got to first base because it infringed on many people's law-abiding rights. The bill, in its present form, I think is a good bill. More than half of the vending machines that minors have access to will be done away with. That makes some sense. And if you want to be frustrated and blame people and make accusations that people are bought and paid for, that's your prerogative even though it's not true and I don't like to be linked like that. When I'm guilty of it, I'm guilty of it. This is one I'm not guilty at all. Just the average person out there. The bill is