SENATE RESOLUTION #1679

Title: Resolution to Ban Tobacco Product Vending Machines on the University of Wyoming Campus.

Date: February 26, 1991

Authors: Senators Barton and Coffelt

Sponsors: Senators Baunach, Callahan, Crozier, Groppe, Hesco, Johnson, Kolb, Raja, Taylor, Watt, Werner

1. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming is "dedicated to excellence in the quality of life" through its membership in the National Network of Colleges and Universities Committed to the Elimination of Drug and Alcohol Abuse; and

2. WHEREAS, tobacco users have a right to determine their own actions, but this right in no way compels the University of Wyoming to provide or promote tobacco;

3. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming serves a larger community made up of individuals of all age groups;

4. WHEREAS, State law states, "No person shall sell, offer for sale, give away or deliver tobacco products to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years" and;

5. WHEREAS, State law limits the locations of tobacco vending machines to, "1) Businesses, factories, offices or other places not open to the general public;

6. 2) places to which persons under the age of eighteen (18) years of age are not permitted access; or

7. 3) business premises where alcoholic or malt beverages are sold or dispensed and where entry by persons under eighteen (18) years of age is prohibited" and;
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21. WHEREAS, vending machines placed on the University of Wyoming campus can
22. be construed as unregulated and accessible by persons under eighteen (18)
23. years of age;
24. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming seeks to be responsive to the needs
25. and concerns of parents who place their minor age children in its
26. charge; and
27. WHEREAS, the total commission (at 10% of sales) for the University of
28. Wyoming from the sale of tobacco products through vending machines
29. for the past 2-1/2 years has amounted to less than $800 (Appendix 1);
30. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Student Senate of the Associated
31. Students of the University of Wyoming supports an immediate and
32. lasting ban on tobacco product vending machines on the campus of the
33. University of Wyoming.

Referred to: Consumer and Student Living

Date of Passage: March 19, 1991 Signed: [Signature]

ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on 3/26/91, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." [Signature]

ASUW President
March 18, 1991

TO: ASUW Senators

FROM: David R. Miller
President

SUBJECT: SENATE RESOLUTION #1679
"Resolution to Ban Tobacco Product Vending Machines on the University of Wyoming Campus"

I have not signed Senate Resolution #1679 "Resolution to Ban Tobacco Product Vending Machines on the University of Wyoming Campus". I have spoken with both Senator Terry Guice and Representative Sheila Arnold since last Tuesday's meeting. I have gathered some more accurate information about what the State legislature actually did about tobacco and believe I have it cleared up now.

The age that made it all the way to the enrolled act is 18. In addition to that, I have learned that tobacco vending machines were specifically regulated in the enrolled act. These machines are not to be accessible to the general public if there is no means of regulation in place. This means the machines can be in bars, staff or employee lounges, or behind a counter where an employee can regulate who has access. They cannot be placed where persons under the age of 18 have open or unregulated access.

I, therefore, suggest the attached revised Resolution. (The changes are underlined). The proper procedure to make these changes is to have a senator that voted "yes" last week, move "to have the Senate reconsider Senate Resolution #1679 in Old Business." Once the Resolution is on the floor, a motion should be made to accept the amendments.

I will feel comfortable signing the Resolution if these changes are made.

DRM:sle

Attachment