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Unlike almost everyone else (excepting tobacco growers themselves, of course), Bush opposed the bill because he thought it was great that we spent billions of tax dollars supporting the growth of tobacco, a huge cash crop and one of the most addictive substances known to man. He also thought it was fine there wasn't more stringent oversight on advertising -- despite the fact that smokeless tobacco is making inroads among young people. The Senate overwhelmingly said otherwise and it looks like in another ten years we will be out of the tobacco subsidy business -- saving billions -- and using harsher restrictions on advertising.



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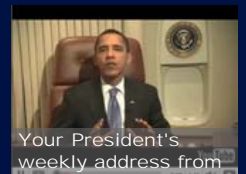
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