

to come would set a precedent for it.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Of course, it could set a precedent.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Thank you, Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I hear you have something for us.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion by Senator Remmers that is a priority motion. Senator Remmers would move to bracket the bill until January, 1986.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wiley Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you would think we didn't have much to do in this Legislature. We have a stack of bills we can't see over the top of and we are talking about a never-never land. The only purpose I can see for this bill is we want to set in place some programs that we would be obligated to fund next year. I don't think there is anybody here that seriously feels that the federal government is going to repeal that eight cents tobacco tax. We are talking about what we are losing. We are not losing anything. We are not getting anything right now. Even if they did repeal it, we wouldn't be losing anything because we wouldn't be paying it, but everyone in this room is convinced that the federal government will not be giving up that eight cents. So the only purpose that I can see that we are possibly spending this time for now is to set in place some programs that we will be obligated to finance next year and I think that is a mistake. We see all the time the problem we get ourselves in when we vote for a program and then don't finance it. The next year it kind of stares us in the face and we have to do something about it. We have a lot of things to do yet this session. We have a stack of bills that we can't see over the top of and I think we are absolutely wasting our time on an issue here that could just as well be left until we know for sure what the federal government is going to do and everyone of you knows what the federal government is going to do. So I move that we bracket the bill until January of 1986.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chronister.