

Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I see no further lights. Senator Johnson, closing on the committee amendments.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I will take just one minute to again remind the Legislature as to what the committee amendment does. It simply provides that the cigarette tax, the eight cents that we will impose if the federal government drops its eight cents, shall simply go into the cash reserve fund for the state. It will not go for any new programs. It will not be earmarked. And in addition this piece of legislation will sunset September 1986, which means that if our sister states haven't picked the tax up or if Congress has decided to do something else with the tax, we will have a chance to review the legislation and we can take care of it during the next legislative session. I believe the committee amendments are very responsible. I think this bill is a responsible way to go with respect to a tax that could disappear.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion before you is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Senator Johnson, I am about to call to record the vote.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: May I ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, a call of the house has been requested. All those in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The house is under call. All senators please return to the Chamber and record their presence. Please push your green buttons. Check in, please. Push your buttons. How many are excused, Mr. Clerk? Three excused. Senator Harris, push your button. Senator Johnson, we are all here except the Speaker who is with the Governor. So you are only missing one except for those