

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was changing my mind and not changing my mind. I, frankly, I guess am of the opinion, as Senator Labeledz has pointed out, that there isn't really a ghost of a chance that that federal tax will not be reinstated. But as I listened to the discussion it became evident to me that...and it was my impression that the bill was going to be revived and the money put aside and not used, but it becomes clear to me that the folks out in the rotunda are still twisting the tails, a message was sent, but obviously not received. And that being the case and there isn't the slightest doubt in my mind, if this bill is passed with the three purposes designated for funding, that while there is no obligation, there is never any obligation, but the fact will remain that the argument next time will be that you authorized the funding and didn't provide the money and we'll be right back at it again. Some of you, the discussion that I have heard, as logical as the bill would have been, I don't believe I can support its revival and I'd hope we'd just leave it dead and I really don't think we're passing anything up in any event because the eight cents will never become available.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, I think you may close now.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm not going to spend a lot of time closing. Obviously, we can't even talk about a pickup cigarette tax in the absence of a bill to do that with and we did kill LB 190. I know we killed it because we had reached an impasse over whether the increase should be earmarked or not earmarked. I think that it is prudent and wise for us to bring the bill back. We will continue the dialogue on earmarking or not earmarking. I can guarantee you, I will not support earmarking in LB 190, but I would at least like to have the bill present so that we are in a position to have a pickup tax come October of 1985, assuming that the federal tax is either eliminated or reduced, and with that I ask your support to reconsider our motion to indefinitely postpone LB 190.

PRESIDENT: Very well, the motion before you then is the reconsideration of the indefinite postponement of LB 190. All those in favor of the reconsideration vote yes, opposed vote no. Twenty-five votes required this morning for this measure. The motion before you is the reconsideration of the indefinite postponement of LB 190. Please record your