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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The motion is...or the request is to place the house under call. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The house is under call. Would all members who are not excused return to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Landis, I'll recognize you to continue on with your closing.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Let me remind you what's in this amendment, then we'll go to the defense of the amendment, then we'll go to a vote. The amendment reduces the committee amendments, down to 30 cents, of a tax increase. Two cents of it goes to the General Fund, it does not go to any specific fund. It's there, however, for the purposes of replenishing, because of the drop in consumption that may occur, any of the existing recipients. It is not identified to them, it's identified to the General Fund. There is 4 cents of new money for cancer research, and there are 24 cents for prevention that is administered by the Health Department, and then some flow-through to the Highway Patrol. There is an extension of the sunset provision, which is not the same as what I had done in the Revenue Committee for which, by the way, I'm sorry, particularly to Senator Hartnett, since I am changing a provision that I know was reflected on by the members of the committee. What I've learned is that you need a period of time sufficient to document this, and this will allow us to do that. So there is an extended sunset to 2004, January 1, about three years then. That's what is in the amendment. First, I'd like to say for those of you who are against LB 505, this amendment drops the tax from 66 cents to 30 cents, so I'd like your vote on that basis. For those of you who are supporters of LB 505, it raises the tax, and I hope that you would consider raising...or supporting the amendment on that basis. To my colleagues, I would generally like to say this, this is the form of the bill I would like to offer you for your decision as to whether you want to raise cigarette taxes or not.