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this project, but I think it is also important we recognize that a small segment of the population should never bear the brunt of the cost of building a building for another segment of the population. And so I think this is an important approach, I think it's responsible that we look at the General Fund and the fact that all of us need to share the cost and the responsibility for this project. So I thank Senator Hilgert for taking care of this. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Tyson, you're next to speak.

SENATOR TYSON: (Microphone malfunction)...part of the Hilgert amendment primarily because I don't like sin taxes. And while smoking may not be a sin, the tax is. The...the money would be to go to...would be going to the purposes of LB 652. I support LB 652. I would, however, and I've already told Senator Thompson this, I wouldn't vote for it with the 2 cents on there. I think this is a sensible solution for the problem. And if by passing this at least I can support LB 652, which I do in principle, but I can't vote for it in principle as long as the tax is on there. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm just going to speak, Madam President, members, I'm just going to speak to this, even though I just want you to recognize this is not painless in terms of the 3 cents. Instead of going to General Fund, it will...we're going to have a reduction in our General Fund, so in essence it's a 3 cent...it's the equivalent of 1.2 million per cent, it's the equivalent of a 3.6 increase in General Fund spending because there's 3 ce...there's that much less flowing into the General Fund. So I just wanted to make that clear, it goes...it will be going to the State Building Fund instead of to the General Fund. State Building Fund is General Funds that goes to State Building Fund, which we do our capital construction. But I just want you to understand that in the original amendment, AM1651, will be a 3-cent increase in the cigarette tax, which is more revenue. This method is a 3-cent decrease in the General Fund funding. So if we do everything that we're doing in the