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ready to respond to your questions. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** We're now debating the committee amendments. Senator Smith.

**SENATOR SMITH:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I guess I would like to speak to the committee amendments and the bill, really, as a whole and just suggest that I rise in strong support of this bill. I think it's a great concept. I, however, do not see it as the final answer to the teen smoking issue, but I think it's a piece of the puzzle, and certainly we need all the pieces. And I apologize from here on out if my comments are construed to be quite negative because I would agree that they might be. Received some input on this bill, a letter, and I'll refrain from using personal names or organizations, but they oppose the bill for several "reasons," saying that the benefits outweigh...or the negatives outweigh the benefits. And I was disappointed, because I believe that these allegations were based on the premise that youth cannot come up with a viable solution to the teen problem. And my educational background is in marketing education, and I was glad to see that that component is involved in this bill as well. And I think it has a good, broad-based, comprehensive approach that meets a lot of the factors considered in effective programs geared toward prevention. I urge my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Jensen.

**SENATOR JENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I first want to say I applaud Senator Bohlike in this endeavor to cut teen smoking and I, too, have been who has always voted to do that. I particularly applaud her for getting 38 members to sign onto a bill, that is outstanding. In that same token, though, I do have a little concern that 38 people would sign onto a bill, yet we only had 24 people vote for LB 505, which really would have funded an endeavor just like this in that 32 cents of every dollar on that would have gone to a Tobacco Prevention, Control, and Enforcement Fund. But with those remarks, I want to caution the body that the Excellence in Health Care Council, which spent an entire year last year establishing rules, regulations, procedures on how to dispense