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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider the...that portion of the divided committee amendment that was not adopted.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Speaker Kristensen. Members of the Legislature, yesterday, having outlined the kind of proposal that I would endorse and, in fact, Senator Jensen offered exactly that and I got a chance to vote for it, as 28 of us did, it was an amendment to an amendment. It was followed by one of Senator Chambers' ubiquitous reconsideration motions. I let my concentration slip by that and, since Senator Chambers had indicated that the passage of time was a critical and a significant part of his strategy, I thought, well, I'll use my time to another end. Having heard a great deal of wisdom from Senator Chambers over the years, I thought I could just slip by the most recent sermonette and do a little work. Went downstairs to my office and did not hear the transition from Senator Chambers' reconsideration motion to the adoption of the amendment. There being no call of the house I sat there and I was checked out at the time and didn't get a chance to participate in passing the very piece of policy I had argued for, suggested to the body, defended and...and was glad to see had been adopted for which I was one of the proponents. So, with a small portion of crow on my plate and a rather good deal of humble pie, I filed the motion to reconsider for the purpose of allowing us all to be here and be present and accounted for in a voting on the issue. Let me tell you that there's a very significant reason to reconsideration and that is without this reconsideration there is no reference to cigarette taxes anywhere in LB 1085. With no reference to cigarette taxes in LB 1085, should we, on Select File, want to adopt an amendment, it would have a germaneness problem. Because it would have a germaneness problem, we would have to leap over that by suspending the rules. So, to keep the cigarette tax alive as part of the mix, this reconsideration motion needs to be successful. I would ask for the concurrence of my colleagues and I hope that they would consider accepting my apology for being inert and asleep at the wheel while doing some work in contemplation of a class last night that, in fact, actually wasn't held because the university was cancelled, so I didn't