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million dollars a year in revenue. Initially, 2 cents of the 30 cents would go to the building maintenance, the 309 Committee. The other 20 cent..28 cents for the first two years would go into the General Fund. After that, all of the 28 cents would go to the Health Care Cash Fund to be used for healthcare. Hopefully, at the end of two years we'll be out of the shortfall that we're in right now and then we can put these dollars in to help in the healthcare arena for various uses in that LB 692 for research, for minority health, for public health. It certainly is needed and I think the benefits will be derived from that. With that, Mr. President, it's my understanding that there is an amendment to the amendment and we can begin discussing that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There is nobody wishing to speak to yours, so, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Janssen would move to amend with AM3605. Senator Janssen would move to amend Senator Jensen's with AM3605. (Legislative Journal pages 1482-1484.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, to open on your amendment to the Jensen amendment to LB 1085. You open on AM3605.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I'd like to go over a little bit where the current distribution of the cigarette tax goes. Right now, we're at 21 cents goes to General File (sic--Fund); 5 cents to the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, 2 cents to Information Technology Infrastructure Fund; 1 cent to the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund; 3 cents to HHS Finance and Support to fund research grants for smoking-related studies; \$1 million planned...to the city planning...City Primary Class Development Fund; \$1,500,000 to the Metropolitan Class Development Fund. That will end in 2016, and so will the City of the Primary Class Development Fund. Three million goes to the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund Act. And the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund, that amount is determined by a calculation. What this amendment does, it allocates 54 cents would be the total. It's a 20-cent increase rather than the 30-cent increase. So the 54...39 cents will go to the General