

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 16, 2002 LB 989A, 989

However, we knew...we did not know what was going to happen on the cigarette tax increase. Retailers are paid 2.5 percent for the first \$3,000 that they collect. After that, they are paid 0.05 thereafter. And so here is a group that was...is paying 3.4. I think there should be some equity in there. Yes, it's going to mean that they have to put out some dollars initially. All businesses do that. You know, I'm...in some ways, I was sorry that Senator Wickersham pulled the amendment on the tax study because absolutely, we do need a tax study. This is one of those items that need to be...that does need to be studied and because of that, I will ask this amendment be withdrawn. However, this is part of that system that we do need to go through because I think there are some inequities. I don't think that we treat everyone in this state certainly the same. There's a short time between now and the next session. I absolutely agree with Senator Wehrbein that we're going to be short a lot of dollars. Now, I'm not saying that yes, we should single out the wholesalers for that, but I will respond certainly to Senator Bourne and others that something of this significance probably should have its own public hearing, and with that, I'll withdraw the amendment to the Revenue Committee...or to the revenue bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Jensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, for a motion.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move the advancement of LB 989 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to advance to LB 989 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 989A, Senator Erdman, I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, for a motion.