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time, as good a time as any, to talk, you know. I think things move in packages around here and this is a package tha' 's been I think fairly well-thought-out. And we debated this a year ago or so and you do what you have to do, and now we have to do it again. I think the people at home...the people at home would probably say, if we don't do something like this here, they'd say, what is the matter with you folks down there? I thought you were short of money, and you're cutting us back, back to 5 percent or whatever, in the cigarette...the whole cigarette thing? And the bill we did earlier this morning, or later this...earlier this afternoon, rather, on the alcohol thing, I think that would have cost me something like 2 cents difference (inaudible) what way we went. Cost me 12 cents if we'd a did the green copy and I think maybe 9 cents if we wouldn't have, or something like that. So I shouldn't even be talking about theirs. I'm not really...I'm not paying the tax, and I feel a little bit guilty, but I'm not going to start drinking or smoking just to pay more tax and so...(laughter) maybe some of you will. But, anyway, that's the way it is. And we have to do what we have to do. We're short of money. We have to tax things and let's go with this. A year or two we'll go from there. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I see no further lights. Senator Landis, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: A bachelor tax! Why didn't we think of that? (Laughter) Darn! Okay. This is a motion to adopt the committee work, which was essentially to take the extension of LB 1085 and put it in LB 285. I'd ask for the adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. The question then before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 285. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Have you all voted that wish to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.