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that 3 cents, it amounts to roughly \$3 million, to go into this fund that would fund cessation, prevention and helping people to quit smoking programs. I think it's a wise use of our resources. There was a three-year program that was funded, as we discussed earlier on Senator Raikes' amendment. That was successful. Most of us agree that it was successful. However, we took that money away, the \$3 million that was there to fund these programs this body decided to remove. So what did we do? We left prevention and the programs that are the best investment of our money without any funding. How do they operate without money? Sure, a few of them might do what they can. Some of the schools, some of the nonprofit organizations may do what they can, but their resources are already limited and overstretched. And in these difficult economic times, they don't have the funds and the donations coming in like they once did. So their resources are stretched even further. Senator Bromm has presented us a good opportunity to provide the funding that we just took away in a compromise move, I view it as, and I'm going to be voting for this opportunity to replace the funding that we took away. I don't particularly like continuing to saddle the smokers with these costs, but I have heard over and over and over again from those people who smoke that they wish they hadn't started, that they wish that they weren't hooked, that they have tried to quit. They have tried over and over again to quit and they can't, According to their words, many of them wish that they could go back. Many of them wish that somebody had gotten to them so they never started.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: And I think most of them would like to invest in our young people so that that same pattern of addiction and that same pattern of poor health, as a result of it, doesn't continue. I think, even though they may not like to pay the cost, that if they understand that it's going to keep young people and others from continuing to be hooked on a cancer-causing product, that they would at least know their money is being well spent, and I think that it has been. And I hope that we can adopt this amendment. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Byars,