

at least a penny of that ought to go for smoking related research and cancer related research. So I would ask you to adopt this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would support Senator Cullan in his attempt. It does get frustrating when we allocate certain amount of taxation for a certain problem and then have it diverted. I have no big thing about cancer research but I think the principle that he is talking about is important. I think it is important that this body continue to do what we say we intend to do in the first place. So I support his amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Cullan, just a question if I may Mr. President. As of the amendment that we just passed now with being in effect for two years, are you saying that one cent or the equivalent thereof or approximately that that out of this money we are going to be using for General Fund money go for your research project, is that what you are saying?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, Senator Carsten. What I am saying the equivalent of one cent of the cigarette tax, and that would be the cent that we taxed last year for this specific purpose, go for the purpose of that bill. So, it would be one cent of the existing tax which we already, which we already passed last year. So one cent of the total cigarette tax, not necessarily the four cents, would have nothing to do necessarily with the additional tax.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Was that tax last year for one year?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, that was a permanent tax. And, this amendment would be a permanent amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Then why are you...if we have got a permanent amendment for...that we passed last year, why are you doing it again this year?

SENATOR CULLAN: Because last year we didn't designate specifically that that...the equivalent of that amount of money be appropriated to this fund. We had an A bill that had that amount of money, part of it was vetoed and we didn't attempt to override, but the intent of the Legislature was never fulfilled, in my opinion.