

systems, good water systems, good sanitation systems and the like. And, with that explanation of the rationale of 683, I will close, allow for the amendments to come up in their order and let's deal with them one at a time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. To the first amendment, please, on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Wehrbein. Senator, I have a note that you want to withdraw this amendment, however.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Withdraw the first one, that's correct. Now go to the second one.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend. (The Wehrbein amendment appears on page 1351 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, this simply is still the three cents. The first one was not drafted correctly, the first amendment, and this is the same three cent cigarette tax increase but drafted correctly. All I simply want to do is to bring to the attention of the body that by doing what we have done, the dedicating to the municipal infrastructure situation, taking three cents away from the cigarette tax we have reduced the General Fund income by 4.5 million. It was my thought that if we are to do that, then we ought to realize that we have, in fact, reduced \$4.5 million of our revenue and to realize there is no free lunch. Someone is going to have to pay for this one way or the other and it would only be proper to raise the cigarette tax from 27 to 30 cents to make up for this loss in funding. The state has historically used this money primarily for building fund and other areas, much of it which also flows into the General Fund after the initial withdrawals have been made from the cigarette tax. I would just submit to you that if we are going to give away part of our tax base, we're going to have to pay one way or the other. Our budget that we are going to be putting together in its finality, perhaps by tomorrow noon, is, obviously, going to have to be restricted yet because our income is still not going to be the proposed income. We have many millions of dollars being spent on the floor here. We're not going to have the revenue even in the good times to