

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would assume that this amendment is not controversial but I may be in error. All this amendment does is makes it very clear that if any bonds are issued in which this source of revenue is pledged, that the revenue will not be pledged beyond the year of 2009. It is my conception, at least, and others who have looked at it that the potential is there, that if it is enacted, a community could issue bonds the 19th year of the authorization for another 20 years and potentially, at least, you could have commitments on state funds for the next 39 years and I suspect that one community doing that would have the impact of probably requiring all of the funding to be continued. And what the cigarette consumption will be or even if it will exist 39 years from now I have no idea, but it seems to me that is far too long a period to contractually tie up state tax resources and this amendment just merely makes it clear that the bonds can be issued beyond the year 2009 but the guarantee of the 4.5 million of state funds would not extend beyond that period. Senator Landis...I would yield some time to Senator Landis, Mr. Speaker, if he would ask...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Three and a half minutes.

SENATOR WARNER: I would yield three minutes to...

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Because he can do what he has to say in less time than three minutes.

SENATOR LANDIS: I can. And, as a matter of fact, if you yielded to me in 30 seconds. I agree with Senator Warner. I agree in the concept that it's consistent with the idea of the bill. Unfortunately, since it's not published, I haven't read the language carefully but I would accept the amendment. Let's adopt it and make sure that that concept stays in the bill. And I just want to make sure that I had checked the language to make sure it does it in an appropriate fashion. But let's adopt the Warner amendment. I would accept it in concept to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, any comment? Senator Schmit, any comment?