

debt, is that right, the federal government?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: It could be. It's more than...I can't count that far, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: That is probably the reason you like it. You know, but I think sometimes we forget, people, we really forget. The program is a great program. No one can deny it is not a good program, but I had one of my colleagues come up just a minute ago, and he says, you know, pack of cigarettes, a six-pack of beer, I wonder how many...I wonder how many vaccinations that would pay for. I will bet a lot of vaccinations go to where you buy cigarettes and where you buy a little beer. Well, you know, that is neither here nor there. But another thing that is very interesting is you watch these legis...these presidential debates, how many times have you heard them talk about the national debt. You never here that, maybe once in a month, Dan. Come on, a little smile. Ah, that's better. They don't talk about the national debt. They talk about how they can embellish the debt. That is what they talk about. And this is crunch time right now in the Nebraska Legislatur. Nothing against the program. Do you think in a couple of years they are going to be after more money? You bet they will be after...I have only sat in that committee two years, but they are already coming back. They are already coming back. I am probably saying some of the things Scott Moore would say if he were here right now. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. I am going to be brief. I was hoping to get Senator "Bud's" time that he left. I am just going to vent a little frustration because I am going to support the bill, but I just figured up. We were talking about the pack of cigarettes, a dollar and a half. I don't know whether a pack is a dollar and a half or not. But, anyway, a dollar and a half a pack a day is 547, 547.50. My frustration is just to vent here, I know we need the job, need it done, but sometimes I think people's priorities are in the wrong place. Sometimes I think kids come out on the short end of the stick, and I just simply had to state that, because I know it is important to do. I know it needs to be done before five years old. Here is another example of the government coming in to do it because, for whatever reason, families aren't doing it