

April 9, 1992

LB 835A, 958

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2143-44 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion fails. The Chair is not overruled. I will raise the call. Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 958 and find the same correctly engrossed.

Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Moore would move to bracket LB 835A until April 15, 1992.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I think it's time to hit the ejection button on this issue this session. With that last vote, Senator Lindsay may well be correct. It's one of those things, you know, Senator Warner and myself offered an amendment or tried to offer an amendment that once we found it in the myriad of amendments on different bills up there, by that time the rule suspension had already been filed there. I am not the one that asked to divide the question but if you're not going to allow amendments to get to where Senator Warner and I want to go, you have to divide it. It's that simple and it's going to take some time. It's one of those things where I'm not against raising the cigarette tax. I will vote to do that and I don't have a problem with that. But, as Senator Warner stated, why on earth are you going to lock in these programs and within a matter of nine or ten months you're going to come back and cut programs, cut existing programs, many of the people that are on this sheet. It makes no sense to me to do that. Particularly, one of the frustrating things to me is I don't like introducing bills to cut things. I have very few friends when I do that. Of all the bills I introduced this year, at least Senator Ashford cosponsored one with me, other than that, nobody even testified in support of the bills I introduced. Senator Hall, Senator Hall, did, that's right. But it's one of those things that's not a whole lot of fun. And you're giving away an opportunity of trying to help address that problem today on other new programs on bricks and mortar and things like that. Now if there had been a building freeze in the last five years, I wouldn't have a problem with this bill. But the fact is last year we used a lot of earmark on a variety of things for a