

keep this in mind that if we adopt the Lynch...the Lynch amendment we'll be forced to go somewhere and find these funds. Nobody wants to raise any taxes, I realize that. But what are cigarette taxes? They're taxes that a few people are paying, not everybody in the state, but it's a choice they make, we could...that's a whole other situation.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'd like to give the last minute to Senator Vrtiska. Maybe his light is on next and he can keep on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Vrtiska, you have forty-five seconds.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's not very much. Am I up next?

SENATOR WILL: No, you're not.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, there's not much need me getting started because what I got to say is going to take longer than 45 seconds, so I'll pass, wait till my light comes up.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you. Before we proceed to the next speaker, Senators Brashear and Witek would like to announce some guests in the north balcony. We have 64 fourth graders from St. Wenceslaus Elementary School in Omaha, (introduced teachers), 18 parents and 2 guests from Ohio. If you'd please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Senator Schrock, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support the Lynch amendment and my basic reason for supporting it is I don't believe we should be taking the cigarette tax money out of the 309 Fund. And, Senator Vrtiska, there's more than 45 seconds, would you like the rest of my time?

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you very much, Senator Schrock, appreciate that. I just wanted...I just wanted to tell you that