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questions for the record now. When you are asking the Legislature to pass this resolution, it's for the purpose, number one, of acknowledging the existence of a settlement with the tobacco industry?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That the states are entitled, under that settlement, to certain amounts of money?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Number three, the federal government has expressed an intention, or at least indicated that it will try to get some of this money?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The state, number four, disagrees with the federal government attempting to do this, because the lawsuits were prosecuted by the states, plural?

SENATOR JENSEN: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And let that be all the "whereases". Then you put, therefore, you don't think the federal government ought to take any of this money, then all these other argumentative "whereases", which may not even be factually correct, can be taken out, without in any way detracting from what it is you're asking us to do. Thank you.

SENATOR JENSEN: I'm agreeable to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, there is no way that I could vote for this resolution as written. A vote against it would give the indication that I'm opposed to what is being attempted here. I don't want to have to vote against it. With what Senator Jensen is willing to agree to do, I think we can put something together. We've had most of the discussion. But even if we do have additional discussion, it won't make that much difference, because what we are going to sign our name to as a Legislature will be right to the point and factually