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SENATOR LANDIS: ...someplace between 12 and 14 percent.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'll renew my light. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I've listened to the discussion, I'm sorry Senator Engel is gone. But I'm glad that he stopped smoking. He had said he used to be a very heavy smoker. And when he said that, I looked back there and he still looks to be pretty heavy to me. (Laughter) Senator Tyson had talked about all of the things that are said against tobacco use, and he agrees with those. And he and I are together on that. He said he was stupid for 40 years, I won't comment on that, because he indicated that that came to an end. But at any rate, he said you should not use the tax system to coerce changes in people's conduct. Maybe as an absolute principle that's all right. But John Marshall, that old Supreme Court Justice, had said, the power to tax is the power to destroy. And I would like to see the tax raised even higher to destroy the tobacco industry. People who have been shown by medical tests to benefit from the use of marijuana smoking in certain situations cannot even have that drug prescribed by a doctor. But here is a drug that leads to death, which does not need a prescription to get. For Senator Bromm to compare the seatbelt bill with this one is totally off the radar screen. First of all, the seatbelt law would have made failure to wear the seatbelt a crime. It would have a punishment imposed by the state, and ultimately if you did it enough times you could lose your right to drive a car. Three hundred nineteen deaths occurred last year on the highways of Nebraska, not all of them related to failure to use a seatbelt. In Nebraska, over 2,000 deaths occur annually associated with tobacco use, 2,000. This bill does not make tobacco use a crime, it taxes a product, a product which everybody agrees is hurtful to society at large and the individuals who are involved in it. Senator Bromm said if you tax it high enough will only the rich be able to smoke? Wish that were the case, there would be fewer of them, but they could at least afford the medical care that they need. Some guy who sells these drugs, people who sell cigarettes, to me, are drug dealers. Those who are