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SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Wickersham, I think there probably will be additional work that can be done on this bill and I would anticipate that happening. Like Senator Redfield, I am not too happy that the amount of the tax would be cut, but I'm not managing the bill. I'm trying to work and follow the lead of those who are spearheading the effort. But before I go on, I want to tell you all that over here under the balcony, because we cannot have displays on the floor of the Legislature, is probably the best rendering ever done of Joe Camel, and I did it. But my purpose was not to advertise the cigarettes but to use their own little emblem and symbol against them. But talking about those letters that Senator Schimek mentioned that we're getting from people who write to us and some of them, in their own hand, they copy the letters but they copy too much. They copy everything that was sent to them, so the letter that they send is not even rational. Like send this letter to so-and-so, that's written down, just (inaudible) everything. And it reminded me of the joke which some of you may have heard of the athlete who was very important to the football team. He had to pass his exams, but they had a reason to believe that he may have been cheating because, in his courses, he didn't do too well, but in this one class that he had to have he was getting very high grades. So they decided to put it to the test. He was always sitting next to the smartest kid in class and every time they looked at the papers, his answers were the same as the smart kid. Well, they didn't want to attack him because he could say that the smart kid copied off him, so they were going to do this several times and hope that something would occur that would let them know that cheating had occurred, if it had. So they gave this very difficult exam, ten questions. It came to the seventh question and even the smart kid looked at that one and, in addition to being smart, he was very honest and straightforward. He just wrote in that place, I don't know the answer, and went on with the rest of them. So when they looked at the athlete's paper, first six answers exactly the same as the smart kid's. Then they got to the seventh answer. Where the smart kid had written, I don't know the answer, the athlete wrote, me neither. That's the kind of letter that I got