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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members. This has been a most interesting discussion and, first off, I am not in favor of people smoking or using tobacco products. I have never smoked. I tried to chew once and I got sick and that was the end of that real quick. But...and I appreciate the sincereness of Senator Landis here, I...I...but I think we're trying to legislative people's behavior through a tax and it's not going to work. We have to remember, we keep hearing about kids and children, I believe he said 90 percent of the people under...that smoke begin to smoke under the age of 18. We have to get things in perspective here. It's already illegal to sell tobacco products in Nebraska to anyone under, nationally, under 18 years of age. We can't do it. I'm one of those merchants that handles tobacco products, not an evil merchant, just a merchant. But...and I'm about ready to bring a six-hour tape down of a surveillance camera we have on our tobacco area, which I want to dispute something that was apparently on TV last night. There are these placement fees from tobacco companies. We place ours at the counter so we can account for these things. Cigarettes are very easy to shoplift and you'd be surprised what's on some of these surveillance camera tapes. They're very, very entertaining. I'd suggest that somebody bring the popcorn, I'll bring the tapes, and we'll sit down for six hours and watch these things. They're interesting. We occasionally catch someone for shoplifting. But if you want to see somebody compete for shelf space, come down to the store when the Coke and the Pepsi people are both there at the same time. There's a fight there in the cooler. So this thing, these placement fees, yes, they exist but we have to place those...what the tobacco companies want us to do is to place those up around the cashier. They're impulse items, obviously, and, also, we have to be accountable to those tobacco products, otherwise, if they're off with the candy or whatever, which some people suggest they are, they get shoplifted. And also Senator Janssen brought this up and I can show this on tape. The people who buy the high-dollar cigarettes are younger people, the 18 to the 30-year people. They're buying the Camels and the premium brands. And the people buying the generic things are the two, three-pack-a-day folks who look at the price and say, well, we'll buy the generic cigarettes. So as far as money and tax, I don't see that