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that the cigarette tax is increased.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Okay. The percentage? Okay. I guess one of the questions I have, and first off, for the record, I want everybody to know that I don't owe the tobacco industry anything. And if I could stop everybody from smoking today, I would. If I could get everybody to wear their seat belt today, I would. It's not going to happen. Whatever we do it's not going to happen. And I've got letters from doctors, from dentists, from insurance people, but not one of them said, if we raise all these taxes and we generate all this revenue, are they going to lower my insurance rates? Are they going to lower my medical bills, my dental bills? No. All we're going to do is spend more money. Are we really interested in health issues? I have to talk about this a little bit. I've had a bill in for the last six years for alternative medicine. Will the medical people support it? No, because it will dip into their pocket, their dollar pocket. I questioned what we're doing here generating this revenue, raising the taxes. We're not enforcing the retailers from selling to under 18-year-old teenagers. So I'm not sure where we're at on here. I just wanted to bring this before the body. I've been listening to Senator Landis, I think we've had some good debate on this. And I got a minute or two left here, and I will yield my time to Senator Landis, if he would like to continue any of the discussion on this. So thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you have approximately two minutes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Actually, Senator Schmitt, thank you for the generous offer. With the Committee on Committees at 2:30, I think, proceeding to some votes here probably would be the best. So I think I'll sit down and see if we can't get a question called and move on with the day's actions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I did clarify some things in my own mind, and I thought I ought to get them on the record. You know, it is a Class III misdemeanor for a vendor to sell tobacco to a person under 18, and it is a