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smoking, I'd probably be...not be here today because it affects cardiovascular. If you have that, if you have cardiovascular disease, it affects that as much as it does lung cancer. So I do agree with what he is trying to do. Now maybe some of you say, well, maybe you should have kept smoking. But the thing is I believe that we should go about it in a different fashion than raising taxes. I know from his studies and so forth they'll show that the smoking has gone down, but, the thing is, when you live in a border area like I do, and I'm thinking people in Omaha and so forth, it's going to show with your statistics that the smoking has gone down because you've collected less cigarette taxes, but what's happening is they're going across into Iowa to buy the cigarettes and bring them over. Another thing, it is illegal for people under 18 to smoke so, therefore, they're already breaking the law, and whether that raise in your taxes in Nebraska is going to change that, I don't know whether it will or not. What I would rather see, I would rather see using some of the trusts, the income from the trust funds and do exactly what he's trying to do--curtail smoking, educate people not to smoke, and help with the health costs that I think we're already going to do that with the...with the trust funds. But I'd rather use those funds because I think that would curtail smoking more than raising the taxes. I don't think raising taxes is really going to do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Further discussion on the Landis amendment? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I'd move to adjourn.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1191-1196 by title for the first time.) In addition, Mr. President, hearing notices from the Natural Resources Committee. Senator Brashear, an amendment to LB 383, three amendments to LB 383; Senator Suttle to LB 523. A series of adds, Mr. President: Senator Suttle to LB 1163, LB 1164, LB 1165, LB 1167; Senator Don Pederson to LB 986; Senator Kiel to LB 906. And finally, Mr. President, one last bill. (Read LB 1197 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.