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agree that this subject should be approached and that, two, we ought to be able to agree on a means of doing it. So the state, in my mind at least, clearly has a role and the real questions are simply these. Is the proposed solution appropriate? Will it be effective in doing the job in the least intrusive manner? And, secondly, are there any reasonable alternatives likely to be more effective? And so as you listen to the debate today and you listen to the details of Senator Landis' proposal, I would ask you to ask yourself, does anybody have a better idea? Prohibiting altogether, not a better idea, probably.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What are the better ideas? And if there are no better ideas suggested today, does the solution suggested to you today make the most sense? Surely it doesn't make sense not to address a widespread addiction. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Tyson, on LB 505.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would, I would note that one of the rewards of serving in the Nebraska Unicameral is the opportunity to listen to Senator Landis charm you into a bad idea. I, personally, enjoy very much listening to Senator Landis as he argues that black is white, that up is down, that night is day, that high taxes are good and low taxes are bad, and we all know that to be true. Or do we? He points out that the raising of taxes on this is a good thing. Well, as a matter of fact, the statistics show that there is one class, one economic class within the state of Nebraska that will pay this tax, and that is people of lesser income, not greater. To lower taxes, as he points out LB 775 does, and as any number of other bills do, and as one of the bills that I cosponsored will do, is to admit that the taxes are too high. Now in this particular case, Senator Landis wants to take a tax and raise it higher yet. And as I said yesterday, if there was a way to discourage the use of tobacco that we haven't tried, that I thought was a legitimate exercise of governmental power, I'd vote for it. If that is what this bill did, I'd vote for it. But this is not. This is a bill, and you may take Senator Landis' argument as an implicit admission that this is