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was five years old. I don't know whether he did or not. It was a comment he made to me but, anyway, what's happening in, you know, I'd say the whole world, we all know there is a problem with tobacco. It is not good for you. I was a smoker at one time, as many of my colleagues and friends and family were. I gave up that. I gave up that nasty habit about 20 years ago. But what I'm afraid of is what's going to happen. I think you are going to see, if this proposal carries through, is a decline, a decline in cigarette sales in this state. You definitely will see that happen, I'll guarantee that. But what I don't think you're going to see is a decline in the people who we are...the citizenry we are really trying to protect, which is the young people. Us old geezers, we're hooked on cigarettes, fine. You've probably already done the damage. But if we're going to...if we're going to stop underage smoking, it's going to take more than an increase in the tax. I am confident of that. Young people are going to try cigarettes. I don't care if they cost \$10 a package, they are still going to try out cigarettes. The sad thing is if they are that expensive in Nebraska, we are not immune anymore to something that's happening outside this state. The same way with gambling. We're not...there's no area in this state where you...where you are denied the privilege of going across the border to a neighboring state. If this happens, if, all right, if the tobacco is so much more expensive in Nebraska, it doesn't have to be a lot more expensive; thank goodness Senator Landis has dropped that down to 30, what is it, 34 cents, Senator Landis, the increase, 34 cent increase, from a dollar, not quite as bad. But for \$3.40 on a carton of cigarettes, it doesn't take long to slip over to Council Bluffs. While you are there, you may fill up your car with gasoline. You may go to the casinos and have lunch, drop a few dollars in the slot machine and, oh, while we're here, maybe we'll stop and buy, at a Pamida or something, buy some clothes. We may buy some groceries while we're here and maybe we'll go to a different restaurant. You're losing, what's going to happen in this state you are going to also lose sales tax dollars. You may gain it on the few cigarettes you are going to sell, or pipe tobacco, or chewing tobacco, or whatever your vice is.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.