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more in detail exactly what's envisioned with respect to the State Law Enforcement Fund. Would that be used for enforcing local laws or are we going to be looking at border bleeding and the payment of the tax? Exactly what will the State Patrol be doing under that particular section, please?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, let me pass out, with the help of a Page, I don't think it is on your desk yet and it should be, a description of the intended program of prevention and cessation. You've got it, okay. Currently, we have to...we have to have those agencies that are trying to work on prevention, the Department of Health and others, send some of their money to the State Patrol for enforcement; catching people selling cigarettes to kids, catching smugglers, catching, you know, illegal sales generally. My goal here is to harmonize a prevention program by creating this body of money and putting the enforcement piece in with everything else. Those pieces include community programs to reduce tobacco to the tune of about \$4.5 million. In Nebraska, we've had such things as conducting rallies, a youth Congress, local events, and nationally, I am looking for my CDC, ah, here, nationally other states have used that money for the same or similar kinds of activities and they've included a campaign on smoking in the home to teach people about the dangers in the home. In Massachusetts and California local programs have been instrumental in the adoption of an increasing number of local ordinances expanding areas of nonsmoking in public places. California, Massachusetts, local coalitions have produced impressive declines in the percentage of successful attempts for underage kids to buy tobacco. In other words, some of these programs have been used to attack underage purchases of tobacco. Underage purchases occur because they are not checked, they occur because there are thefts and shoplifting, they occur because you get an older person to buy cigarettes and then reimburse them as well. Oregon has used their money, and has been able to show impressive initial declines in the per capita consumption after implementing a statewide control program, much like has been suggested here, by getting young people to plan and conduct their own tobacco prevention events, campaigns and advertising. The kids do it themselves. They know what works