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take their seats and record their presence? The house is under call. The speaking order when we resume debate will be Senator Tyson followed by Senator Price. Senator Raikes, Senator Schmitt, the house is under call. We are debating the Landis amendment to LB 505. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I've been able to follow a good portion of the debate and, before we vote for this, I'd just like to once again call your mind...call to mind a few of the things that I hope that you will consider in casting your vote. One of the things we learn early on, that the end does not justify the means, at least most of us learn that, not all of us evidently. I have stated repeatedly last year when this bill failed to advance, and I've said so again this year, I agree with the end. I think this is a poor means to it. I think that it is a means that is doomed to failure. If we're going to vote on something, I believe that the bill that Senator Stuhr has told me about makes more sense because it seeks to control the usage of it. We talk about education. My oldest daughter is...will be 43 years old in April and I remember her coming home from Sacred Heart Grade School, this was back when I was among the goats not the sheep and I was still smoking, and she would lecture me on the evils of smoking. That was some time ago. The children are still being taught that in school. Some of them are still smoking, some of them will continue to smoke probably the same proportion. We're told about we shouldn't have to pay. I agree with what Senator Redfield said. I don't believe that I should be taxed to support someone's risky lifestyle, like the obese. Thirty, 35 percent of all Americans are overweight by a significant factor, an unhealthy factor. I'm seeking to leave that group. I have adopted, as my guru, Senator Janssen. He's going to clear all my diet for me now. But the thing of it is that if you want a risky lifestyle, gluttony is one and there is evidently a lot of gluttons in the United States and in Nebraska, and I object to me being taxed under that. I object to people who drink. Why should I be taxed to support their problems, all of these, and maybe 130 more that can't come to mind or I haven't spoken of? This is a bad means to a good end. There is a better bill to vote for, Senator Stuhr's which controls the use of tobacco by children. They're still buying it. They will continue to buy it just as they continue to buy