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can come up with a program to enact stronger smoking cessation plans and also to decrease the onset of smoking. When you smoke, you're ingesting a toxic substance that will addict you, and they have enhanced this tobacco with nicotine so you are quickly hooked. I have friends that have been nonsmokers for 40 years. They still get this itch when they have a Coke or even alcoholic beverage in their hand, they still have that itch. They've been smoke-free for 40 years. It's there in their bodies, but they don't fall to that temptation. I had a pleasant conversation with a tobacco retailer here in town, a very successful young man. He does not want teenagers to smoke. He makes good money, you know, whether we raise the tax or whether we don't. And, well, like I said, we had a very, very pleasant conversation. I could stand here and talk to you about the effects of tobacco, how offensive you are in your smells, on your clothes, how it ages you prematurely, what it does to your body and, you know, I'm talking the choir right here. But I believe we should move ahead and vote for LB 505, make it strong in the education and maybe I know I'm hearing from these people with raspy voices and heavy coughs on what it will cost them if we increase the tax. Some time I'm probably going to...the devil on my shoulder is going to have me say to them, but do you know how much you would save in an entire year if you didn't smoke at all.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR PRICE: So I shall get down off my soapbox and go back and sit down at my seat, but this is the way that I feel.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Price. Further discussion on the Landis amendment, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I hope what I say will not be redundant as I was gone this morning and I really did want to hurry back and make sure that I was here when the vote came for such an important bill as this. When you become Chairman of the Health and Human Services, and mind you I'm a contractor, I'm not a medical practitioner or professional at all, but you become aware of the many health needs in the state. And this year the Health Committee went on rather an aggressive tour and, matter of fact,