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approach. I was an advocate of LB 505. I don't see how you could have been a supporter of LB 505 and not fully be willing to come and do something that we know will work, we know it will target to the generation that we are most concerned about, and I urge you please, please vote for this bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further debate? Senator Bohlke, followed by Senator Jensen, Baker, Aguilar, and Vrtiska.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, part of the discussion that we had on the amendments yesterday and certainly what...part of that suggestion as far as letting the council decide and...in directing this and that we should go to the council rather than coming to the Legislature. I said yesterday that these are state funds and certainly each one of us represent about 32,000 people; that I think that we have every right and every obligation to dedicate a certain amount to something absolutely directed towards prevention. I then had my staff pull down the transcript from the interim hearings from the Health Committee and looked at what the council named as their five priorities in what they would see the direction that they would go. Not one of those, of the top five priorities they mention, actually mention, that I could see, Senator Jensen, you can shake your head yes or no, anything about teen smoking, prevention of smoking. They talk generally about public health. But the first, the first top priority happens to mention maintaining staff and medical staff for the purpose of public health. That I find troubling in any assurance that if this was left to the council that this would take the type of priority that I would hope it would take. That's...that's the reason that I feel very strongly that it is appropriate for this body to say these are state funds. We have a huge amount of money. I'm not asking to take money to repair potholes or streets or doing a lot of other things. I'm asking about dedicating a certain amount for teen prevention of smoking and use of tobacco. I just think that it would...if it went to the council I do not see any assurance in anything that I've seen and in, in fact, what other states have done that it would go for absolutely funding a program such as this. I will continue to listen to the debate and hope that those of you who have indicated support will continue to support the Legislature this