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therefore, because of that, I believe it is not germane.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. As the amendment does not relate to the specific subject of the bill and is substantially a different subject, I will rule that the amendment is not germane to the bill. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Further discussion on the advancement of LB 1436? Senator Byars. Senator Byars waives off. Senator Smith. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I would like to address the issue of funding, which is before us. I believe that this is appropriate funding and I will say why. When the Attorney Generals of this country went to battle with the tobacco companies, what they charged was that the tobacco industry owed money to the states for the purpose of reimbursement to the states for the costs incurred by those states in tobacco-related illnesses. Part of the settlement agreement included provision that the states were obligated to provide prevention activities. I believe this is exactly what we agreed to in court. I believe that if we do not do this kind of activity with the money in fact we have become a liar as a state, as a nation, and we make a mockery of our court system. I believe we're obligated to spend the money for this purpose. I believe it's a good purpose and I hope that everyone else will support the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Landis on the advancement of LB 1436.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. The fact that we can't talk about the tax source and the fact that we wall off that subject as to funding makes me concerned as to what...what is this bill all about. Is it about youth smoking, or is it about the appropriate source of the money? But let's take it on its face that it's about youth smoking. Fair enough, okay, let's, because I want to grant that that intent is possible. Let me tell you why I would vote