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discussion of property taxes and property tax relief and what direction we're going on that. I think that just whacking this at this point, when it's not even a part of this bill but is, rather, language that happens to have come up coincidentally because this deals with the cigarette tax, is a mistake in process and in procedure and will only result in us discussing this two or three different times instead of having one comprehensive discussion on it at the time that we discuss state aid to cities and municipalities and counties and others, including NRDs and smaller subdivisions at the time of the Appropriations Committee bill. So I would hope you would see fit to hold off on this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I think since we're handling this section in the Appropriations Committee, I think that's probably the better way to do it. On the underlying division, I think that we have taken the hit to raise these cigarette taxes last year. I think that it would be wise to continue at this level. I was in support of raising the cigarette taxes last year and I probably would have supported a little higher raise than we did. I'm not in support of raising them past this point now. We've taken that shock to the system, reduced consumption to youth as much as we could with that raise. I don't think it would be the right signal to go ahead and lower them again. And so I'm in support of the underlying division and in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment at this point.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, well, here we are. I was one of the, some people have dubbed it, the dirty 30 that voted for the LB 1085. Some people called it the scoundrels. I don't know. But I was 1 of the 30 because I felt that a year ago or whenever it was we did that that we had to do it. I felt that we had no choice. I thought let's raise some revenues on a temporary basis and give the...a chance for government to downsize in terms of employees and that through attrition and whatnot, and yet here we are again. We're in even