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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair will first recognize Senator Brashear for an update, followed by Senator Landis for an update on the committee amendments, and then proceed to the next amendment. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I think, although we may have discussed a lot of things in the interim, I think you recall sufficiently that the green copy of the bill contained essentially five component parts. The committee adopted some of those and brought them forward in the committee amendment, your Revenue Committee. Your Revenue Committee killed or deleted certain portions of the green copy. Then we came to the committee amendment, and I'm not trying to walk on Senator Landis' territory here, but we came to committee amendment and we divided the committee amendment so that all of yesterday we discussed the first, only the first division of three divisions. Now when we get through three divisions, we are not done because there are several amendments that will flow thereafter, and so that we will discuss essentially the five component parts of the green copy of the bill. But, nevertheless, we're on the committee amendment. The first division of the committee amendment, it was divided by Senator Landis into three divisions. The portion we are on now is the cigarette and tobacco tax portion of the committee amendment, and we've had any number of amendments which have either been adopted or defeated to this point in time. And we still have an amendment pending before we can act upon this division. Obviously, it is the hope of some of us working with this legislation, subject to the approval of course and affirmation of the body, that we're going to be able to move through the other...this division and the other four component parts and concepts as expeditiously as the body and the debate will allow. I'd ask your continued patience and attention. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Landis appears not to be present, so the Chair would recognize Senator Connealy for an update.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members. Senator Brashear has covered it. We are on the