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the population. To keep our K-12 schools well staffed with good teachers doesn't fall to 20 percent of the population. Making sure that Medicaid works isn't for one-fifth of us to do. It's for...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...all of us to do. The problem with the Governor's solution is it essentially says we can place the shortfall's difficulty on the shoulders of one-fifth of our population because they do something which creates a public health cost. That's true. But you know what, the other 80 percent of us are drinking too much pop, we're drinking...we're taking in too much sugar, we're eating a diet that is, as we well know, heading us towards catastrophe, the rest of us bear these burdens. These are social contract obligations that fall to all of us. I'm going to vote against this because I think we've done something good for deterrence but this puts us too far out in front and, essentially, it says that the budget problem is a limited obligation to 20 percent of the population and that I don't believe. We need to spread the pain, and taking the 30 cent increase and making it permanent asks for contributions from our smokers.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time has expired

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis. The Chair recognizes Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Most everything has been said about the effects of the increase of taxes on tobacco products. One thing we tend to forget, though, is the society we live in now is so mobile. We have a lot of snowbirds and a good friend of mine told me the other day that when he comes back from Arizona in the spring why he brings a trunk load of tobacco products with him. And that's what...that is what is happening. Not only out-of-state cigarettes and tobacco products, but the access to the Internet now, which we are trying to work on and curtailing