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conduct that survey. Mine is just my own thoughts that came back from my constituents. And government is done by those who show up, and that's who chose to send this back earlier this year. But I do believe it reflects public opinion on this, and we do have an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone here by getting back to those original amounts that we were considering in other bills before they were beaten down. And Senator Brashear says, you know, he's tired of my drumbeat on cigarette smoking and cigarette taxes. Well, I have never carried a cigarette tax bill before. I have voted for them when they come up, but that hasn't been my drumbeat. My drumbeat has been the impacts of second-hand smoke on human beings and what happens to them and what we should be doing in a public health sector. Taxation has not been my area. This is my first venture into it. But I am curious about a comment Senator Brashear made about when this should be considered, and I would like to ask him a question.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear, would you yield to a question? One minute left.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Senator Brashear, I understand your concern about your bill being hijacked, and I would be pretty upset if it were me. And that certainly wasn't my intent because I intend to vote for all parts of this bill that I feel are appropriate. And as you know, I was one of your cosigners in the first place, and I do believe we need to broaden the sales tax base. But I know we've tried to have a conversation about it and we got interrupted. But yesterday you and I were part of a conversation about when should this issue be brought up, and I understand from your comment you feel Select File would also be an appropriate time to bring this up.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Or, maybe I'm putting words in your mouth.