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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, Senator Thompson, certainly it's possible for anybody to offer this on Select File and I made the same argument with regard to Senator Quandahl's earmarking. I have made no pretense of the fact I'm trying to move this from General to Select in as broad a form as possible, so hoping it will serve the body.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time has expired. Thank you, Senator Thompson. Next speaker is Senator Cunningham, to be followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. I stand up in opposition to this amendment. I would tell you that I do support the 30 cents that we already have. I've always fought tobacco tax increases but I do support keeping that. But I cannot go along with increasing it any more. I find it very interesting that Senator Landis and other members of the Revenue Committee tell us about the...what they found what happened when we actually increased the 30 cents, how it increased sales of tobacco in Iowa, and it went down here. But did it really stop any usage here? One thing that I'd like you to consider. It's not just the tobacco sales that are lost to border bleeding. We've heard from many people that the border bleeding is not that big of a deal, it's just tobacco. But have you ever considered the amount of business that goes over borders when they go to buy that tobacco? They eat in the restaurants. They buy their gas. They buy groceries. They do...any number of things are purchased over the borders. The area of the state that I represent borders South Dakota, and we have Yankton, South Dakota, right up the road. It's the closest larger area to us. And when they go there, they buy clothes. They buy all sorts of things. So I wish that you would at least consider the amount of business that's lost, not just tobacco business, but overall business, and what that does to the revenue for the state of Nebraska. And I was going to ask Senator Landis a question, but I don't see him here so I will talk to him later on the floor. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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