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it should be the other way around. But either way, I'm a pretty agreeable guy. And so this works for me. It's a modest increase. And I thank you for bringing this forward.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I just want to say that...Mr. Speaker and members,...that when I go to...around to speak to the kids, and speak to grown-ups, speak to clubs, speak to coffee shops, it's one thing they bring up when you bring up the cigarettes. They say, when did you last tax the alcohol? I guess all I have to say, because I can't remember when we did. We get a different date every time. Senator Landis said '91. We got '87 on the radio last week. Somebody called in and said '85. I don't know for sure. But it's been a long time. So fair is fair. Alcohol causes more trouble in the families and more trouble everywhere else than I can see compared to cigarettes. And we're jumping on cigarettes like you know what. So I think it's all fair here. And I'm not for taxing anything in excess. But I don't think this is an excess. So I do endorse Senator Brashear's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it's all been said. I...this is an increase, the first one in a long time, as Senator Cudaback says. I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: You've heard the closing, members. The question is the adoption of AM1444. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have no items at this time.