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and that's all we need to do to put together a revenue package in the crisis of today, maybe that's what we should do. Senator Landis indicated that these taxes, which are stated in terms of cents, have not been increased since...well, my records say 1985. And so if you just take inflation from 1985, I doubt if the committee amendment even brings them up to date in terms of the inflationary changes. So it is extremely modest. It's interesting to me to note LB 775 and cigarettes and alcohol, that they all have one thing in common, that we are whipsawed by the industries by virtue of there being a different law in every state. And so whenever somebody's law edges up a little bit, the industry comes in and claims, but next door it's such and such, and so you can't do this. And on LB 775, that's worked perfectly. On cigarette taxes, because there's been a national coalition formed and because a lot of medical people across the country are working on it, it's broken down somewhat. And we're finally beginning to do the right thing by cigarettes. And when I say the right thing, I mean getting back revenues that are approximately appropriate to the damage that they cause that is picked up by government. In the area of alcohol, what we need is another national cigarette drive focused on alcohol. Because the damage done by alcohol is way worse than the damage done by cigarettes, in my opinion. When you start counting drunk drivers and disease and all of the problems that drinking causes, the crimes, I mean, alcohol is a...it's a destructive force that just kind of randomly tears through society like a tornado. And we ought to be recouping the costs to government and to society, at least recouping what it costs. Like cigarettes, it's not something we'll, experience has indicated, we'll ever be able to discourage entirely, nor would we want to, I suppose. I wouldn't. But we ought to recover the cost. And this committee amendment doesn't even keep up with inflation. I would hope, if not this year, next year we could start a more aggressive attitude towards the costs of alcohol on society. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question or two, if I could.