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bluffing. I'm not trying to trick anybody and I don't want anybody grumbling at me because all it would do is make me laugh; making faces at me because all it will do is tell me that I'm successful, because I deliver on what I promise to do. We each have a notion of how this shortfall should be dealt with. Mine is to take it a step at a time. This bill is on General File. In keeping with my philosophy that the heavy lifting is to be done there, I intend to do it on this bill. So I will not speak on the motion again, no matter what anybody says, no matter what the temptation, but I shall make up for it if the reconsideration motion is successful. I'm not even going to take my full five minutes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bourne, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Cunningham's motion to reconsider. I actually voted no on this bill coming out of committee, and largely because of some of the testimony that I heard in committee from our retailers and other individuals regarding how this would impact their businesses. And we've discussed this issue as it relates to cigarette tax, the fact that border bleed, that people will go across the borders to purchase this product, and while they're over there they'll buy other things. I think it's real easy to target out things like cigarettes and beer and things of that nature and say, well, let's just tax the heck out of it, you know, because there's negative connotations associated with the product. The fact is it's a legal product, and I think that, you know, this tax is like any other tax or any other sales tax in that it disproportionately affects poor income individuals. So I voted no on it coming out of committee. I will support the committee amendment because I think that, as part of the Legislature, there's a give and a take, and a negotiation process. And I'm going to support Senator Cunningham's motion so that I can vote for the committee amendment, even though, again, I voted no on this bill coming out of committee because I don't think we should raise this tax. We heard some testimony from...I think on the floor here, we also talked about it in committee, that this tax hasn't been raised since whatever it was, 1991, or 1986, or whatever. The