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dollars to be used for this program. Earmarking of funds, you know, I think it's probably maybe the right thing to do, rather than the wrong thing to do, as Senator Bourne mentioned. You're taking dollars from those that smoke to help the problems of smoking. To me that makes sense. I would urge the body to take this small amount, let's put it into the budget process. I have no idea, and I don't know that anybody in this body does, know what's going to happen when the Governor gets all this dropped on his desk. I'm kind of chagrined to even think about it. But we'll deal with that when it happens and we'll go from there, as we always have in the past. But I would certainly urge the body, at this point in time, to support Senator Bromm's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Preister, followed by Senator Byars, and eight others, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise in support of the Bromm amendment. I do so because I think it's important that we find a way to fund these prevention programs. We spend millions of dollars and we took most of our settlement money and wisely used it, but we used it on trying to do something after the fact, after somebody is already addicted, after somebody has already gotten cancer, after they have the problems we're trying to find ways to treat them and then to cure them. It doesn't make good economic sense to create a problem and then try and cure it later. Why not prevent it? Why not invest that money up front initially and prevent it from happening in the first place? You save the misery. You save the economic expense. You save the resource expense. It just makes good social, personal, and economic sense in my view. That's what this is attempting to do. It's attempting to invest in either helping people to quit smoking or to not start in the first place. And my focus and emphasis is on young people helping other young people to get the resources and the information so they never start in the first place, so they don't go down that road, feel the peer pressure and begin to smoke. And then spend years, 30, 40, 50 years regretting that they made that decision, that choice, as some people call it. I think it's much better to appropriate the 3 cents and earmark