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this free society unless you're going to ban cigarettes, that's the mechanism you have to use to shrink that market. In a free society, that's what you got to do, in a free economy, and you got to put the money into it. And this isn't a whole lot of money but, at least, it's some. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Next speaker is Senator Janssen.

SENATOR J ISSEN: Thank you, Senator Engel. Members of the Legislature, you know, if we're going to take this 3 cents and add it back or expand the tax on cigarettes, I would much rather see it go back where we took it out of earlier today. Put it back to the cities. To me that makes more sense. We set up some of these programs years back when we had a lot of money. We were looking for places for the additional tax on cigarettes to go, to help people quit smoking. Worthwhile program, it's great, but I agree with Senator Bourne. Every time you raise those taxes on any product, I don't care whether it's peanut butter or what it is, people are going to find a cheaper market where they can purchase those products. We're raising the tax on alcohol, and if we aren't close to our neighboring states, you're going to see the same amount of consumption on those products as you have right now. The marketplace is going to be in a different area. You not only will be losing the tobacco tax or the tax on that product, you'll be losing the sales tax on it also, if it's a taxable product. I'm sorry but that is just the way things work. We have a mobile society. We have attractions in other states that we don't have here. While they are there, they buy those products. How many, you know, how many programs have we cut because we didn't have the money? This is no exception. When there was plenty of dollars there, it was easy to start programs, and I'm not arguing that this was a bad program. It's a great program, but you're not going to slow up the desires to people that want to use these products. They will continue to use them. We've had the fight about the Internet, how you can purchase products over the Internet. You'll have a cousin in Arizona send something to you. Hey, it happens. The snowbirds will bring back large quantities of tobacco if they smoke. I've had people tell me that. I don't buy any cigarettes in this state. They are too darn high. Your