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money. We didn't do that. The Governor's approach this year was to suggest to the Appropriations Committee that this be general funded. The Appropriations Committee's recommendation to you was to take it from the cash reserve, which is where we put the cigarette tax money last year in a compromise at the end of the session. So that's what's going on here is the hope was always that there would be enough in the tobacco settlement interest income to be able to fund this program when it started running out. We got a little greedy and hopeful in trying to keep everybody happy with all the people who wanted a part of the tobacco settlement trust fund, and instead of assuring that this money would be available for that, we kind of bet on the future and thought that we would be in a position this year, and we aren't. There isn't enough money in that fund to fund this program. We've looked at two alternatives. This is your last alternative that you can consider. These programs are working in the state, have a lot of local support, and are based on research-based strategies that work. They are relatively new programs. You have to track them for awhile. You can argue, I suppose, over their impact, but we do know smoking is going down. We know that teen smoking is going down. And we've had these programs in place for several years, and I think it's important we continue it. We made this commitment. The problem is we're at the eleventh hour. All the other alternatives have been put out there for you. The Governor's option was put out there. The Appropriations Committee option was put out there. You now have Senator Bromm's option and it is a direct link to the cigarette industry and the smoker to say that this needs to also...that this source of revenue is a way to pay for the very important prevention programs that are in place targeting youth and targeting pregnant women and targeting anyone who is willing to take the help that is offered to them to try to help stop smoking. So with that, I urge you to take this approach. I think Senator Bromm put this out early enough that many of you may have voted for the other...against the other approaches because you knew this one was coming up. This is the last option. This is an important program that we continue, and I urge you to support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Next speaker is Senator Bourne.