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was brought up earlier, we had a day when a lot of people weren't here and, rather than lose this very valuable infrastructure of people across the state working with youth on these very important programs relating to public health, I chose to bring this amendment back today. I'm not going to...we've hashed the issues. You know the issues. This is just another opportunity to take a look at this issue and save these programs. And I...it's on your gadget and essentially it's the same issue that we've discussed previously. It's just going to a different bill, a different part of the...slightly different, but it is...the concept is the 3 cents to fund the tobacco programs in Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on AM2084, offered by Senator Thompson to LB 572. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Byars, followed by Senators Kruse and Schimek. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Thank you, Senator Thompson, for introducing this amendment. Basically, the amendment is the Bromm amendment as it was introduced. Quite honestly, we were short members who were in favor of this legislation. I think there's been a lot of information shared since the amendment was introduced. I think we've debated this on at least two different occasions. I can't imagine the arguments are going to be any different today than they have been the other time. I would encourage an early vote. There's no reason to delay this. Extremely important to maintain this infrastructure. The amount of good that the tobacco-free Nebraska program has accomplished I think is documented and I would certainly encourage your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. Speaker and members, thank you. I stand in support of this amendment and also will not have a lot to say about it. I am impressed with the advertising program, in particular, that's been going on, and I want to make that statement because some have wondered what it is. I've had