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time that came and I'm staying with that position. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, if first you don't succeed, try, try again. Senator Thompson, I applaud you for doing something that you feel is very necessary. I remember when this program was put into place. It was, in my estimation, a very good idea. But times were different then, you know. And no one should smoke, and I realize that. It's bad for you. You can...it attributes to several different problems socially, physically, mentally, but...the old saying goes, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink until he's awful darn thirsty. And that's the same way with people giving up the tobacco habit. And I'm not...I guess you could question the germaneness of this. But to raise those taxes again on a certain segment of our population I think is unfair, and economically it's not good. You're forcing, every time that we raise those tobacco products, it forces people to buy them elsewhere. It's so easy to get tobacco off the Internet and, again, you know, a third of our population lives within a mile of another state. Do we want for 3 cents, \$3 a carton, that's...hey, it doesn't take long to drive over across the border or go to one of the reservations to buy tobacco products. And we're just forcing people to do that and we're...this is...this is a good program, great program. I supported it when it was initiated, but I think at this time we should be very careful not to impose an additional tax on a certain segment of the people. I know the arguments are they don't...this is something they don't have to pay. That's certainly true, but if you're addicted to tobacco you are going to go to the limits on trying to procure that at the lowest possible price. Did not support this before. Senator Thompson, applaud you for bringing it back, but I hope that you...that the body will reject this before something takes place that you're not going to like. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I also rise in opposition to the amendment. It's one more case of