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SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Bourne, I can't tell you how many people there are either, but I can tell you there is enough on staff right now to do a darn effective job of what they're doing. They're doing some great work. And the thing that they do so wonderfully, I guess, that you keep insisting they can get on line and do, is they go into the schools and they go in to different youth groups and they talk face-to-face with the people. They're very effective at it. And I think it's imperative that we keep those people on. I'd also like to point out that poor students don't have computers and they don't have Internet access. So what about them? Do we just forget about them? I'd also suggest, you know, I think I agree with one thing you said, and that is the majority of the body is very much in favor of getting this money out of the Tobacco Trust Fund. I would suggest that we fund this for one year, this year, and then next year in session we make an honest effort to get this money out of the Tobacco Trust Fund. I agree that's where it should come from either. But we need to keep this in place, keep those very valuable staff people, and I don't think they are going to be sitting around at their desk. They are going to be pounding the pavement like they always do, getting into the schools, working with these kids, getting them to quit smoking. You said yourself it's an effective program. No doubt it's an effective program. Let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, ahead of us, if we get a chance to get there next, is an amendment by Senator Wehrbein to address problems with grasshoppers out west. That we have not heard before. Ahead of us yet on this section after LB 285 is an amendment that would allow us to recapture a federal tax change that we didn't know about the other day, but that we've learned about and would allow us to protect about \$6 million of Nebraska taxes by making adjustment to the federal tax because of the federal tax changes. And that would help us out in the cash flow. It would also help us out in the General Fund. That's ahead of us and that has to be done today or not at all. That's \$6 million. Then we'd need two revenue people