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SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...smoking cessation. So that's the rationale. As far as I'm concerned, should it come off the top? I say, yeah, I think it should. Now the body can decide otherwise. But I think we've got a great program in LB 692. It's lauded across the United States as being one of the top programs. And so that's why I feel that that's an absolute right priority.

SPEAKER BROMM: I'm sorry. Were you done, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. (Visitors introduced.) Next speaker would be Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, yesterday I had the opportunity, via two-way television, of talking to four different high school classes, and this subject came up. And this...all of the high schools, there were members in these classes that were actively engaged in tobacco cessation programs in their schools. They asked some pretty tough questions. And frankly, I didn't have all of the answers. One of the things that there's no question, as we look down the line, I think there is an absolute moral obligation that we do fund these programs. I think not just from an ethical standpoint, but one of the things that I remember seeing at a conference within the last year was the cost to states for different entities. And the two that jumped out at you on the graph were smoking and, unfortunately, obesity is gaining rapidly. These were the big spikes in the graph as far as costs to the state. And these will accentuate. One of the things that might call attention to our ladies in this Chamber is that cancer of the lung, caused primarily by smoking, now has passed cancer of the breast as the number-one killer of women. I think I have to change that a little bit, because I think that there are some other ones, such as heart disease and so on. But these also are affected by smoking. So that smoking is a very big part. These students are our best chance of recruiting them to be role models and to spread the gospel, if you will, not to smoke. Last year in this Chamber, at one point we didn't have any money to keep this