

May 14, 1993

LB 22, 358, 827

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: With us as chaplain today we have Harland Johnson. Harland.

HARLAND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Harland. I now call to order the seventy-seventh day of the Ninety-Third Legislature, First Session. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Just amendments to be printed to LB 358 by Senator Withem; and Senator Wesely to LB 827. And, Mr. President, I have the lobby report for this past week to be inserted in the Journal. That's all that I have. (See pages 2132-33 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I would like to announce that Senator Withem is not here today, so we will not be taking up LB 98, and we will proceed to LB 22.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 22 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Warner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7 of this year, was referred to the Revenue Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the...LB 22 was introduced, I introduced, it was advanced by the committee, it's a straight out increase in the cigarette tax of 25 cents from the current 27 cents, or to a total within this bill of 32 cents. The money is to be deposited to the General Fund to be utilized as the Legislature sees fit. It will raise an estimated amount of 6.7 million on an annual basis, 6.1, usually we can use the figure of 6.3 as the increase that will