

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Subtle, Mr. Speaker, very subtle. And we do look alike, I will... (laughter). Thank you, Senator Lindsay. For one of us, I know, Senator Robinson. Senator Lindsay, I thank you for the time. One thing I wanted to bring into the discussion is, again, this is not a discussion on whether we support the bill or not the bill on concept, this is really a discussion on by not having the emergency clause on the policies that we have put into law, how much revenue potentially are we losing in regard to LB 330 and others that we have advanced forward? From the best guesstimate when I checked with the fiscal staff, their best guesstimate when you put 595 together as a package with LB 22, the other cigarette tax package, if you do not have the emergency clause on both, then, in essence, you lose about a million to a million five over the three-month period. And I guess the question, for the most part, is if we're going to do a policy, shouldn't we go ahead and get the revenue at this particular point? I think the answer to that is yes, we need to abide by the majority rule, say, yes, we are going to do it. It makes no sense to do it for revenue and then throw a million and a half down the tube because we didn't want to do it till three months later. If we're going to do it, which, obviously, we are because there are 25 votes to pass it and they are passed at this point, they will take... go into effect, assuming the Governor signs the bills, which every indication is that he... that he would. The question here is, do you want to throw a million and a half dollars away? And I think responsibly is if we're going to do it, let's don't throw a million and half away, let's go ahead even if we disagree with the policy to say, I disagree with the policy but if we're going to do it, let's at least get the revenue so that we can do the... the spending proposals that have been before us. And so I urge you to support the motion. I also want to remind the body that it does take 30 votes to reconsider on Final Reading, so it does need to have 30 votes, so we need to have the understanding and support from those who voted against the concept in order to do this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. But I would like to remind you that it takes 33 votes to reconsider this motion.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I stand corrected.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner, you're next.