

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, urge you to support this motion. I did want to make a comment on a...on a point Senator Haberman made earlier on LB 595 saying that he would encourage the override...or the reconsideration there but not on LB 22. I guess what I would like to make the point is there are two policy questions. Number one, the money that is going to be saved by the revenue is here on this bill. This is where the money...the revenue would...would be saved, number one. So if...if we voted to reconsider and to put the emergency clause on the first one, to be consistent, and we did so in order to gain the revenue, this is where you gain it. The second point, it makes no sense to have one bill, as we already now have on two cents, with the emergency clause, to be collected at a particular point in time and then turn right around and not do it here so that there is another three cents or five cents that's going to be added on at a later time, three months down the line. So we need to be consistent if we're going to do the tax and we need to have the same tax or the total amount done at the same time and save the revenue. That's why LB 22 needs to be reconsidered and passed with the emergency clause since we are, in fact, going to put it into effect. Failure to do it on this particular point would have two cents going on immediately, five cents going on later, and that adds confusion to the industry and that's something I think is not the intent of the Legislature to do. So I urge for the reconsideration.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, in the Lincoln Star there's a...there's a comic book...a comic strip, panel strip, Safe Havens. It's a nursery school. And there's a character in Safe Havens, Roger, that never gets out of his box. He never looks to the outside, never looks out of his box. I took some amount of exception to some comments made earlier to the amount of money that was being raised by this which created an illusion that that money was piled up in a heap in the parking lot of Henry Doorly Zoo and all we had to do was go and get it. I would remind you that the money that we're talking about is currently circulating around the state in the pockets of various and sundry citizens, so let us not forget that when we vote on all these issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Lindsay.