

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of the motion to reconsider and would also reiterate what Senator Bernard-Stevens has pointed out. The fact that we have 595 go into effect as soon as the Governor signs it, have his signature and have it increase at that point, I think you will raise the eyebrows at least of many of the citizens if we have a tax increase at that point and then two and a half months later have an additional tax increase. I think it doubles the amount that they're going to be looking at what we're doing. If we're doing it, let's do it so that they're aware that the tax increase takes effect and it's a one-time situation where they know that it's taking effect at that time. I think it's important that both of them do take effect on the...at the beginning of the biennium and I'll support the reconsideration.

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

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Lindsay and Senator Bernard-Stevens, there is no connection between the two bills, in my opinion. The first bill, LB 595, has two cent cigarette tax increase for cancer research. I support that. My constituents support that. However, 22 is different, it's just raising taxes. There's a difference between raising two cent cigarette tax for cancer and raising taxes on cigarettes. There's a big difference. They're not connected. They're not tied together. Senator Lindsay says it would raise eyebrows. Well, it's going to raise eyebrows anyway. So my input from my district is don't raise taxes to be raising taxes, for example, on cigarettes. They're opposed to that. However, I don't think the citizenry are opposed to two cents for cancer research. We're perfectly willing to help the smokers out by giving them two cents for cancer research. However, to pick on smokers and to raise their taxes just to be raising taxes, I can't agree with that. So I, in lieu of what Senator Lindsay said and what Senator Bernard-Stevens says, I urge you not to reconsider LB 22. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Haberman just said about the same things that I wanted to say, to explain why I won't be voting to reconsider LB 22 and why I did vote to reconsider LB 595. The reason I voted, I voted for very few taxes. I don't know if anybody noticed. The only tax