

have...if increasing taxes at one point, there...they may get mad, if they get mad, (interruption)...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Whose going to get mad?

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...increase it twice.

SENATOR ROBINSON: The cigarette smokers?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Sure.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why? If you're saving them a little money for a while, why would they get mad?

SENATOR LINDSAY: If you're...

SENATOR ROBINSON: No. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bernard-Stevens, where will the money go that will be derived from the taxes raised by LB 22?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: LB 22 would be...the monies would go to the General Fund and basically it will support the LB 541 mainline budget appropriation in LB 330.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I'm going to say again what I said, because we can talk about smokers' feelings and everything like that all we want to, but I will hope, if this bill does not pass with the emergency clause, the Governor looks at those who voted against it because they're not concerned about the programs they're interested in being funded, and it would be easy for him to find out which ones they are. So if something has to be cut, cut those who don't want to vote for the money to fund them. It's as simple as that. We're dealing with hardball politics now. What the smokers feel is really irrelevant. What has been said about having a tax hit twice in succession and it's relatively rapid succession is something for consideration.