

I attend the dentist...notice I said I attend the dentist, not visit, on occasion, and when you go there they take a needle to deaden the nerves before they begin to drill and grind your teeth. That's the activity that I usually go through when I go there. The needle is very long but they don't put much...Senator Ashford is groaning, I'm trying to make a point. The needle is long but not because the entire needle is going to go into your gum, they need that much left for the tiny tip of the needle to reach the part of the gum that's going to be punctured. You...(laughter). When you go through this you would rather that the dentist go ahead and inject enough medication the first hit. If you had a dentist who was interested in making sure that you got your money's worth because some people say, why should I have to pay so much when the dentist spends such a small amount of time, that dentist would give you a little pop now, take the needle out, let your gum reawaken, give you another pop. You'd tell the dentist, do what you have to do and get it over with. The taxes on both these bills will be on the same product and we know that, Senator Haberman. And I think, from the standpoint of policy, since 22 has passed and it is going to put in place a tax, the taxes that will be raised on cigarettes should occur at one fell swoop. And we had 32 votes the first time around. I hope those same 32 will stick with the bill. Senator Hall is going to vote for it and perhaps others will give consideration and support it also.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to respond to Senator Haberman's remarks. Senator Haberman, these bills are linked. They are linked in the fact that the operative dates I think are very important and I don't think that we want to have one tax go into effect July 1st and then another one September 8th. I mean, that's just going to be a lot of confusion for merchants and everybody else. I think they should be linked and, in fact, indeed, if this would not...this reconsideration motion would not...or the bill would not pass with the emergency clause, I would file a motion to reconsider our last vote because I think it would be really silly for us to have the two taxes going into operation at different dates. So, in my mind, they're linked and I hope that in the minds of the rest of the body they are also linked. Thank you.