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I can do, Senator, to assist you in this; I'm tired of going out and scraping young people off the highway because they don't have restraints on. So I want you to think about that. I...I take this action with many misgivings because I'm not prone to quit on any type of issue. But I want you to know that this is just a respite. This is not a quit. I'm going to come back. I'm going to keep coming back as long as I can to find a way to convince you, and I'll sit with my esteemed colleague, Senator Chambers. I will talk, I will cajole. I will...I'll never threaten him. I found out that does not work. But I will work on him. I'll sit on him, I'll do everything I possibly can to convince him that he and I have the same interest in mind. We want to protect the individuals of this state, all of the individuals of this state, regardless of their color, regardless of their ethnicity. We have the same goals in mind--we want to save lives and we want to protect these individuals. So, Mr. President, at this time I'd like to ask unanimous consent to pass over LB 356.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 505 is a bill originally introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 15 last year, at that time was referred to the Revenue Committee. Bill was advanced to General File, considered on General File on April of last year. At that time, committee amendments were offered, Mr. President. They were adopted. There was a motion to bracket the bill that prevailed. Bill was discussed again on April 19. I do have amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, on LB 505.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. This puts us back on the cigarette tax increase, a priority bill from last year, held over when an amendment failed on General File by a vote, and we tabled the action till today. I'm about to offer an amendment which is a variation, not identical, but related to what I offered last year in its most superfluous form, most superficial form, rather, it's the same, and that is a 30-cent cigarette and all