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deal with the issue of cigarettes from foreign countries coming into the United States and making sure that they are...that they pay the settlement fund tax, and that we collect the Nebraska tax on those cigarettes as well, so this...this A bill is for that purpose. It does not come from the General Fund. It will come from the Nebraska Healthcare Cash Fund.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any discussion for the opening on LB 989A? I see no discussion, Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham waives closing. The question before the body is the passage of LB 989A. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advance to E & R of LB 989A. Voting on advancement of LB 989A. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 989A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 989A does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1003A. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on LB 1003A. Is Senator Schrock on the floor? Is anybody present who is authorized to carry the bill? We will put it on the bottom, and go to LB 1033A.

CLERK: LB 1033A. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on LB 1033A.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. If...if you all remember, LB 1033A is a bill that we discussed the other day. It is Senator Erdman's priority bill. It's a bill that I introduced which will allow EMTIs and paramedics, in some instances, to work in hospitals. Now, the emphasis is that when they're working in hospitals, they will have to be working within the scope of their practice. The A bill calls for an expenditure in 02-03 of \$16,152, and in 03-04 \$13,688 for the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure