

if we want to continue it into 1992 and finish up those projects. So all this does is go from 1988 to 1989, one more year before we sunset the program, and I would ask your support for it, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I, too, would like to add my voice in support of this piece of legislation, particularly since it is many of the smaller schools, smaller rural areas in this state that have not taken advantage of some of these programs and still have some serious problems. With that in mind, I think it only fair that we give it a little more time to work even though I am not the greatest fan sometimes of the severance tax because of the area that I come from. I think this is a good use of those funds and would urge the adoption of this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, do you wish to make a statement?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wesely, does this attach another year on to it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Speaker Nichol. It only goes from '88 to '89.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I know but it was only going to go for a short time to start with. Now we are adding another year to what is on and what will happen to this? I will predict it. I will predict it, let's have fun. We put on a cigarette tax several years ago to build a sports arena, didn't we? Didn't we, Senator Wesely, didn't we? Yes. We were going to put that cigarette tax on how long?

SENATOR WESELY: Do you want me to talk about the year on this?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, I am going to be asking a question. I want to make a point.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, I would, too, because the question isn't the tax....

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, no, no, wait, wait, wait. How long were we going to keep the cigarette tax on to build the sports arena?