

bringing it down eight cents. And that, in and of itself, aside from the income generated, is more than sufficient reason to pass LB 190 as is because even those of us who smoke, and there are a number of us on this floor who smoke, I think will agree that the last of their habits they would wish to impose on our adolescents in this state is a smoking habit with all the expense and all the health risk factors that that accompanies. So I would join the chorus in urging this body to reject the bracket motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, just one little brief comment to Senator Hoagland. Senator Hoagland, if you think the state is in that much need of extra income, in a week or so you will have the opportunity to provide the people a choice on LB 144 to get extra income for the state.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, would you like to close, please, on your motion.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I still think this bill should be bracketed but I don't see the votes. I am going to vote against it but I will withdraw my motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn. Back to Vard Johnson's amendment to the committee amendments. Do you have anything further, Senator Vard Johnson? Senator Warner, did you wish to speak to the Vard Johnson amendment? Okay. Senator Vard Johnson, did you wish to close?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: This is a safe technical amendment that essentially takes care of the discount issue. I think I have adequately explained it. If anybody has any questions, you can ask me privately after the vote.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is the adoption of the Vard Johnson amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment to the committee amendments.