

the cigarette tax or at least keeping it as it is and nine bills are involved, you can rest assured we're just wasting our time. The two senators that made the motion to raise this bill, or reconsider the kill motion, have said they do not approve of the earmarking and I, for one, approve of the earmarking because the three, Economic Development and the scholarship program and Water Conservation are very important things and let's face it, when they are faced with obtaining the funds from the budget they are going to have a very difficult time. I've always approved of earmarking when the cause is good and the cause is good. Now if you're going to revive the bill and it does pass, rest assured it's going to the general fund and those of you that are supporting it because of the earmarking are going to be left in the cold. Remember there are nine bills in the House, 80 senators co-sponsoring and there is no way we're going to get that and we're just wasting a lot of time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members, I'm sorry that I have to disagree with my good friend, Senator Labeledz, because I in no way agree that should the LB 190 pass with the Nebraska future fund, that even if Congress reverses itself and does not eliminate the eight cent tax on cigarettes, I believe that there will be no obligation whatsoever, not even implicit, that the future fund must be funded with general fund dollars. I just think it is prudent on the part of the legislators of Nebraska to put this bill in place so in the event it does happen we have a mechanism here to take advantage of it. I wholeheartedly support the motion to reconsider LB 190. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner. Senator Warner, do you wish to speak at the present time?

SENATOR WARNER: I'll wait a little bit.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Senator Lynch, did you wish to speak or did you want to ask the question? Very well, I don't think we need the question. Thank you very much. There appears to be no further speakers. Senator Johnson, you may close. Warner wants to speak? Senator Warner wants to speak first, Senator Johnson. Very well. May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Warner.