

amendment in here?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Higgins, the underlined...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Four or five pages.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The underlined portion represents the changes and what you are reading, and I know how confusing this is, what you are looking at is the current ear marking that exists for our cigarette tax. As you probably know, you know, we put a nickel of it right now into capital construction and we have a variety of other ear mark....

SENATOR HIGGINS: Right, right there are about seven or eight things here.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: But the stuff we are dealing with only puts the eight cents into that cash reserve fund and it is in effect not earmarked at all, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, this amendment that is printed in the Journal, has it been adopted, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well then if we adopt this amendment, would we be adopting all five or six pages of it?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, we do adopt the text, I will say though that what we adopt we don't of course change existing law unless the amendment reflects changes to existing law and this amendment will reflect no changes to existing ear marking of existing cigarette taxes, none whatsoever.

SENATOR HIGGINS: The amount equal to the difference between thirty-four cents and the federal excise tax on each package of cigarettes. The underlined is the new language, correct?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes ma'am.

SENATOR HIGGINS: The rest of it is all in the bill and you had to print that as part of the amendment?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, would you believe it.