

we're number one or two, I think in the cost of keeping a prisoner in our prisons. We're right there at the top. We've got one thing after another where we're number one and they aren't the kind of things that I think you should always be proud of. I guess I really can't believe that we can't solve these problems some other way, other than moving us into the number one category in taxation of cigarettes or into the top ten at least. I do believe there is a limit. Look at the amount you would reach. You've got the papers handed out in front of you. You would be imposing a tax alone, just a Nebraska tax, at the amount that a whole package of cigarettes used to cost not very many years ago. Yeah, I hate smoking, like I said, but I hate lots of things. That's no reason to get even with them, by trying to cure them of their habit, by taxing them to death. So I am voting against it. I would point out, as Senator Johnson did say, this is another critical part, a very critical part of "the Governor's package". A little while ago, maybe the most critical part of that package received, I think, 13 votes. Possibly it's time to say that package isn't the way we're going. That program the Governor offered of new taxes, hidden taxes, increased taxes, shifting taxes, that program isn't the one the Legislature wants to go with, and then sit down at the drawing board and maybe come up with another solution. So I'm going to vote against it. I urge the rest to do the same and we don't have to be number one in taxation of cigarettes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move we recess until October 29 at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I take it, Senator Haberman, that your motion is to adjourn. Is that right? To October 29 at 9:00 a.m.? Okay, you have heard the motion. It is nondebatable. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A simple majority required. Okay, a call of the house has been requested. Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The house is under call. All senators will please return to the Chamber and record their presence,