

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And all the rest of them. And all the rest of them.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Not unless...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The reason I mention this one is because it is deeper than the others, so let's say that even this deep cut is not touched and we adopt all the cuts in this blue package that was handed to us, will that then solve the problem?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: You will recall that we identified that we needed \$19 million budget cuts plus some sort of additional revenue. That, at least, was the proposal that we brought, the committee. No, in fact, if we adopt every cut in this package, and you know that yesterday there was an amount of about \$800,000 reinserted into the budget, which we would, of course, need to find elsewhere. So, no, it would not, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What revenue producing measures are within the call that you are aware of as a member of the Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I am afraid we are sort of stuck, Senator Chambers. At this point we have got cigarette tax, I believe, and I believe that is the only one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can we raise the tax on cigarettes enough to get that...I don't know what the figure really is, but that 10 to \$30 million that seems to be quoted, can we raise the cigarette tax high enough to get that?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: No. Well, I suppose we could. I doubt that we'd want to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Realistically, I mean.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we stay here and do the duty that the Governor has imposed on us, and 38 agreed to do, then we are not...we don't have the tools to solve that whole problem anyway?