

omniscience knew the day I would be born, where I would be born, how I would be born, and I think that same God that knew exactly when I would be born already knows where I will die, when I will die, how I will die. Before I come down with cancer, as Senator Chambers is hoping since he is encouraging me to smoke, God may let Senator DeCamp strike me down with an automobile. It is really not that big a deal to me. It isn't that I believe in predestination but Senator Chambers quotes the Bible so frequently and so eloquently. Somewhere in the old Bible there, I don't know if it is in the New Testament or the Old Testament, it says even the hairs on your head are numbered and that God knows it. His eye is on the sparrow. So I think that no matter whether I smoke or I don't smoke isn't necessarily going to determine whether or not I am going to get cancer. I think God knows if I will or not and he may overrule Senator Chambers and not let me get cancer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Chambers. Question has been called. Do I see 5 hands. I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It takes 25. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased and would you like to close, Senator Vard Johnson?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me see if I can make this a quick closing and I hope that I can express myself in a way that each person will understand. I know that sometimes I express myself very confusedly. The last amendment that this body put on this bill will allow Nebraska wholesalers a windfall of about \$365,000 the moment that we increase the cigarette tax and it will allow the wholesalers that windfall for no additional stamping work. This particular amendment would take away the windfall but it allows the wholesalers the amount of monies they currently receive plus a few additional cents for their work in putting the stamps on the pack. This, the last amendment that we have, the one we just put on with a 23 cent cigarette tax for our state, would allow the wholesalers \$6.90 per case of cigarettes. The highest national discount today per case of cigarettes is \$7.20. The current allowance to our wholesalers is \$5.40