

percent increase in the taxes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is those people out there that are speaking that have a right to be heard, too, not necessarily a lobbyist, and they represent four or five hundred, maybe six hundred thousand people in this state, that have a strong vested interest. I urge you to reject advancing the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we are just playing now. First of all, we are not dealing with the revenue shortfall of the state. This is just another act in the play, another ring in the circus. So I am going to take this opportunity to deal with what my good friend, Senator Marge Higgins, brought up. You know in the old days they called cigarettes coffin nails and that is appropriate. I think another lobby that is against this bill, Senator DeCamp, would be the undertakers but they kind of lay low and stay underground, if you know what I mean, while they let others do their work for them. Every time somebody lights up a cigarette, if you are around an undertaker, you see unwillingly a smile kind of creep across his face and curl up the corner of his mouth because each cigarette is so many minutes off the life, and people although they die to get to the undertaker, he has to, he has to hope that they die, and some people oblige him. So the undertaker, the medical profession, and the tobacco industry all work hand in glove. Senator Higgins talked about God. It reminded me of those football commercials where I would see Tom Landry, the coach of the Dallas football team, he would say, I love to win football games, I love to make good citizens out of my players, but the most important thing to me is my relationship with God. And I have got a free book here that you can get, by god, that will help you get that relationship so that is the way people use God. He is just handy. God is a word that means nothing to anybody and means everything to everybody. But here is something interesting, she said before she was conceived God knew when she would be born, and various things that would occur in her life, and when she would die, and how she would die, and God would determine whether she would get cancer or not. Some people might challenge her