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LB 1, 3, 10, 14

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, but this one has the E clause originally of 20 days. Does that have 20 days?

SENATOR LANDIS: It would have a ten day cushion, which the last E clause bill did not.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I would question that. I would like to hear more from the industry, just see if it would be a tremendous hardship on them if they can get this done, if it is going to cause more problems than it will be for an asset for the state.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, first of all I'd start by asking unanimous consent that LB 1 and LB 14 be expedited, which I know everybody wants to get done.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to that as well?

SENATOR DECAMP: Which one?

SENATOR LANDIS: Number ten.

SENATOR DECAMP: Absolutely. LB 1, 14 and 10 be expedited. Is there any objection?

PRESIDENT: Is there objection? If not, we will send the order along.

SENATOR DECAMP: Good, then I'll talk about cigarettes. Mr. President, I think it is pretty clear that a majority of the Legislature is going to increase the income tax. That showed up yesterday, despite the attitude a couple of weeks ago that it wasn't going to be allowed under any circumstances. With that in mind I'd say look at what you are doing on the income tax and then compare that to what you are doing on the cigarette tax. You are telling the cigarette boys they are going to take a 30 percent hit when they are already among the highest in the United States, and you are telling the income tax people that you are going to take a what, relatively speaking a 5 percent hit. If you want to keep some balance treat the cigarette people the same, give them a five percent which would be relatively small. I repeat again the arguments we've oft said here and