

Legislature, just to say that I have invited the Governor over to speak with you a moment and he wants some time to look at the bills as we are sending them to him. He will be over and he has asked for some time. I move that we recess. Were you through?

PRESIDENT: We a motion to reconsider 3 up here, LB 3.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to reconsider the vote on LB 3 with the emergency...I'm sorry, Senator Vard Johnson would move to reconsider the vote on Final Reading of LB 3 without the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, a reconsideration motion requires 30 votes. LB 3, the cigarette tax bill had only 19 votes this morning. I suppose that getting an additional 11 votes for reconsideration is nigh on impossible but yet it needs to be done. The cigarette tax bill is one of the small bills that we had to try to take care of the budget problems of our state, just like the income tax bill is one of the bills that we had to try to take care of the tax problems of our state. But I suppose most of you have kind of gathered what the dynamic was. The dynamic was this, the folk in the Rotunda began to talk about, we will help you with the income tax bill if the cigarette tax bill will fail and the cigarette tax bill failed, and it failed. And so too has the income tax bill failed and we are about to wind our session down having cut \$17 million, having passed absolutely no revenue raisers at all, not one revenue raiser, having an unbalanced budget and going into next session in total and absolute disarray, total and absolute disarray. So I am simply offering a motion to reconsider the cigarette tax vote and I will need 30 votes just to get the bill reconsidered and then we will revote and see if we can at least begin to put into place, piece by painful piece, the revenue bills that we need so we are not totally and absolutely in disarray, because that is the way we are right this moment. I would not be surprised if our Governor would come back this afternoon with vetoes of \$20 million from our work product to date because we have no revenue raisers whatsoever, none. I suggest that we simply sit