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SUBJECT: Weekly Report
(REGION II)

EXCISE TAXES

- ♦ The Lt. Governor of SOUTH CAROLINA ruled that a senate amendment to increase the cigarette excise tax by 5¢ (from 7¢ to 12¢) was out of order. This ruling eliminated the last potential cigarette tax bill in SOUTH CAROLINA for 1990.

INITIATIVES

- ♦ Proponents of an initiative to increase the COLORADO cigarette excise tax by 25¢ (from 20¢ to 45¢) are planning to appeal an Administrative Law Judge's ruling. The ruling upheld the Secretary of State's determination that proponents failed to collect enough valid signatures for the proposal to be on the November ballot.

SPECIAL SESSION

- ♦ The MONTANA legislature completed its special session without enacting any measure impacting the tobacco industry.

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

- ♦ Twelve bills have been introduced in the DELAWARE House by anti-smoking activists. The bills are intended to reduce the number of young people who smoke and proposals range from raising the legal age for purchasing tobacco products to increasing the cigarette excise tax by 5¢ (from 14¢ to 19¢). The DELAWARE legislature will conclude its 1990 session on June 30.

"We work for smokers."

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KEY ISSUES

- 1) DELAWARE Legislation
- 2) SOUTH CAROLINA Legislation
- 3) Initiatives

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