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that it was just...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Um-hum.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...you know us...us taking a tax, or keeping a tax at home that we weren't letting another state get.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: But now it sounds like it's a little, slightly different.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct. Now that...that first part you were describing we think is revenue neutral; nobody can be sure.

SENATOR BOURNE: Right. Well, that makes sense.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, we think that part is revenue neutral. The \$750,000 comes because due to language of the bill, it also includes paging services.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, and if...can you just give me a sense of how to...how pagers are taxed on...on each use, or when you purchase it or what...?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I think it's usually a monthly fee, and part of the difficulty is that as far as we know, there are very few people that run just an exclusive paging service. A few years ago, that was fairly common. Now it's all bundled up in your cellular phone service and a bunch of other things. I...it...it tends to be a package service now, we think.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, well, again, the reason I'm kind of talking about this is because we had mentioned the other day, we had a bill...a portion of the Appropriations Committee bill that dealt with the Public Service Commission and...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Um-hum.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...and I had talked about one of the most