

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Fair to assume that, yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay now, one final question, Senator Johnson. If this is so important that we do this as it was indicated by Senator Newell, this was a mandate of the voters, and if this is going to assist some people, why doesn't this bill have the emergency clause on it?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I can't think of everything. I ran out of gas.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I have a little bit of a problem with this type of exemption and I will explain a little bit. First of all, I probably should stand up here and be for it and fight for it because I am involved with a company that is in the process of making, manufacturing active solar systems but I will remind you that those systems are expensive. You don't give them away and it seems to me that what we are doing here, we are giving an exception to those that probably could afford the taxes. Whenever we give exceptions somebody has to wind up taking up the difference and I would submit to you that the people that are going to pick up the difference are those people that cannot afford these alternate energy sources. Alternate energy sources, even though the cost of operations are very cheap, the original cost is very expensive. So, what happens then is the people that are of moderate income, the lower income, and are not able to afford the alternate energy source are going to find their taxes going up as a result of those people that can afford the alternate energy sources getting a tax exemption. Now as I indicate, that is probably backwards from the way I should stand if we are going to sell more of these alternate energy sources. I think the idea is to promote the use of alternate energy sources obviously. I just have a little problem with the government doing the advertising for us.

SENATOR CULLAN PRESIDING

SENATOR CULLAN: You have thirty seconds, Senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...and it seems to me that is what it is. So, I would urge this body to be very careful in their consideration of this, of LB 151 because I think it is going to penalize some people that can least afford that penalty. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I have a question or two I would like to ask Senator Johnson if possible.