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who are willing to ante up \$4,442,000 but for \$200,000 they won't donate? Is that what you're asking us to accept?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, that's not what I'm saying. I'm saying that oftentimes, as you're aware, on a gift from any foundation there is restrictions on it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're saying...

SENATOR LINDSAY: And nobody gave the entire 4 million, that's not the point. It is people adding up smaller amounts.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And these people who are anteing up this money say that they won't give it if a sales tax has to be paid?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, I said it's more difficult to raise money to pay a sales tax than it is to purchase an art work.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do they tell the people they are paying a sales tax, because when politicians talk about imposing it, they say the public doesn't know about it, they are not conscious of it, it's a painless tax, why will these dumbbells tell people when you give this money part of it is going for sales tax? Who is raising this money for them? Who is heading the operation?

SENATOR LINDSAY: The name of the person, I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a company?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'd be happy to find it, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Lindsay, you've been very helpful. Do you see what you are being told? In Omaha they've got people trying to raise money and they are telling people when they donate the money, part of this goes for sales tax so you may not want to give it. That's not going to be said. These people who donate couldn't care less about whether there is a sales tax on these purchases. They may not even know. This is to give a windfall to Joslyn. Joslyn wanted to make the purchase. Apparently the agreement has already been entered into because they say it will apply only to those amounts that are not due at the time the bill takes effect so there is money that Joslyn has already committed itself to pay and they are out there hustling the money. And I, who come from probably the poorest district in the state am being asked to give a tax