

ways, he wants to criticize the Governor for raising taxes, but he wants to spend the money on the university, or a variety of other programs, which are good, but you can't have it both ways. You can't be like Gumby and have it both ways, and Senator Wesely has finally realized that. He's come here today with a "revenue neutral" amendment we've all heard so much about, but he's trying...now he's saying, well, I'm not...I don't want to give the money back. I finally realized that, no, I don't want to give the money back, I want to tax the rich people some more. Maybe there are some policy decisions we can talk about there. But the fact of the matter is that for all...entire 1988, Senator Wesely sat there and criticized the Governor and other people saying that you raised taxes, you raised taxes, if you were right you'd give the money back, while at the same time he come in last year and this year, introduced all these bills to spend money. Well finally Senator Wesely, with this amendment, has realized that he can't have it both ways and he's trying to worm his way out of it, because he never really did want to give the money back. He always wanted to spend it. But he just wanted to play pure party politics, and it's finally catching up with him in LB 739. And I'm anxious to see how he votes, if this bill is not amended.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Scott, you should always be a little careful before you move into some of these areas you're not all that familiar with. Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Moore doesn't realize another amendment is pending to provide an increase in the personal exemptions up to \$1,400, which would be \$20 million more in tax relief, in addition to what we're calling for under the current version of this bill. So, yes, in fact I do want to give the money back. Yes, in fact, it can be done in light of the additional monies in our reserves. I don't want it both ways, maybe other people want it both ways, but I want to try and correct the errors that we made with the passage of LB 773. I've raised this issue from the beginning, I've been right from the beginning, making the point that taxes did increase under 773, that taxes did shift under LB 773, the Governor refused to recognize the situation, there would have been no fight for all these many months if the Governor has recognized early on what I and I think most of us recognized early on, that there was a tax increase, instead we agonized for months and months and fought for months and months, and finally the Governor recognized and admitted and conceded the fact that we did have a tax increase.