

means that the way that we fill out our federal tax form would be done differently. So we didn't know exactly how all of these were going to blend in. Then with the state tax reform we certainly didn't know either. So as we've gone two years now, I think that I realized, along with a lot of other people, that maybe it was a little more tax increase. But it took us a while to find this out because the Department of Revenue didn't know exactly, because our economy was improving, a lot of the tax...the increased tax receipts that we had was from a better economy, and so it was kind of hard to sort these out. Also, remember you don't have to file your final return until April 15th, and it probably takes two or three months to get them processed. Also, there was, I believe, quite a number of taxpayers that had asked for an extension. So an extension is given and it takes a little while, after they file their return, to get this all calculated. So...And, Senator Wesely, I still think that we need to fine tune our state income tax laws. I know you say it needs a major overhaul, but I don't believe it does. And I don't believe, after we get through with this today, that we'll know exactly, we will not know exactly how much money we're going to raise because it is not an exact science. I bet we could be off 5 to 10 million dollars, even after we pass a bill such as this today. So I would urge you to vote red...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I want to join Senator Hannibal and the others on the me, too, train. I want to say me, too, too, because we were told, over and over again, that this was going to be a hold-harmless measure. We all have those words indelible in our minds, hold-harmless, fudge factor, those are the two phrases that stick in my mind which...and we've talked about this a number of times, the fudge factor became a huge pan of fudge, it wasn't just a little bit of extra money. But I can remember when we were told that they needed to do the fudge factor, just in case their brackets were determined on the lower side, so that they would not create a deficit in the amount of money they were supposed to bring in the form of revenue. I supported the Wesely amendment. I realize that it looked like Rod Johnson and