

collected under 773. We're not through there yet. We'll do some more. But I wish it could be more. But, as of this time, I'm going to still vote for the bill. And hopefully 739 will be the first step in that direction. I'm going to give the rest of my time to Senator Smith, how about that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The member from Hastings, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Senator Schmit, because I probably wouldn't have had a chance to speak otherwise. And I'm not going to stand here and repeat everything that was said either, but I do get a little bit tired, Senator McFarland, of being told that we all knew what was going to happen. And anyone, as Senator Hannibal said, can pass out parts of what was said, but I can remember very distinctly of a meeting that we had in a hearing room and what we were told on the floor, how often did we hear the word "fudge factor". I don't see that anywhere in this, but that's what we were told, that we were making a change. We didn't know exactly where we were at, and we were building in, yes, a fudge factor and that we may have to make an adjustment. Now, for those of us, and by the way I think we were listening. But if you're not a member of the Revenue Committee and if you're not a member of those people who figure out financing and budgets and fiscal kinds of things, it's pretty hard for you to know, when you're having to listen to them on the floor say we're not sure what this will do. We had to just do it because that was the only choice we had to do, since we were decoupling from the feds. Right? I guess what I'm saying is, regardless of what you say, I know what I thought, and I'm sure everyone else in here did, too. And I was with you on one amendment that we tried to change the bracket on. That was not successful. Right now what I'm trying to do is vote for a piece of legislation that may not do everything, but at least it's going to show that I was faithful in the fact that I want to try to give some money back to those in those categories who are unfairly taxed. For that reason, I will support LB 739, and I do not support an attempt to bracket that bill. Brad, would you like to have the rest of my time? You can...that's...you can thank Senator Schmit for this.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Really?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.