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SENATOR ASHFORD: I have to...How much time do I have?

SPEAKER BARRETT: About a minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thanks. I was told by a law professor once not to ask so many questions. I guess I shouldn't have asked the questions I did back in 1987. But, in any event, I do recall very well the conversations I had with Senator Johnson. And what...I'd rather look at this as creating a fair tax system rather than giving money back to the taxpayer. I think at the time, in 1987, or I know at the time in 1987, when we voted for this bill we had no idea what our revenues were going to be. And there was a great deal of concern by Senator Johnson and others on this floor as to what the revenues would be and being able to sustain those revenues for the purposes of carrying on state government. And the record does reflect a conversation I had with Senator Johnson and Senator Hannibal on the floor, and we talked about that very fact. And we talked about the fact that thought there may be a small increase in the middle class, one year, that that would be far offset by any reductions in the federal tax. And he also said that there would have to be some changes on the edges of this tax plan in the next year. And we did make the changes in the tax plan in the next year, in LB 1234. So, I think we are...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...putting into effect a fair tax system and we're not...and talking about giving money back is not really the issue, but we have to look at a balanced tax, and I think that is what we're doing here. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, colleagues, I call the previous question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Are there five hands? There are. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator McFarland, please to close.