

specifying who those somebody's are so that each person is left with the belief that he or she is going to have a tax burden lifted,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and somebody else will pay. Time?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You didn't give me my minute warning. Did you give me my minute warning?

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair announced time, this is the third time. I don't believe you heard me the previous two times.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm always curious about these bills we introduce, I believe it's LB 905, which wants to hold an entity or a subdivision of government harmless from the actions of this Legislature. If, in fact, a subdivision has been receiving funds from a tax which has been declared not legal, then why should we extend the benefits of that illegal action one additional year? Why should, in fact, this exemption be allowed from the lid, since, in fact, they shouldn't have been allowed...should not have been income there anyway. I'm not going to talk a great deal about it at this time. I just wanted to say that so many times on this floor we talk about these type of bills as to what they are going to do for education, what they're going to do for the children. Ladies and gentlemen, all it does is boil down to a tug of war, a tug of war between various entities to determine who shall pay the tax. And you can believe whomever you want to believe. We know...it's kind of ironic that when we discussed this bill previously on this floor I said it was going to be the largest single tax increase ever enacted by this Legislature. That has now since become the rallying cry for a number of groups and individuals who have chosen to oppose the bill. I did not intend, at the time that I made the statement, that it would be that way, but that's the way it turned out. But the basic inequities in this bill are not going to be corrected, no matter what you do with a dozen or more amendments. I have some