

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now back to the other question, this bill will require a 25 percent increase in the sales tax, is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: Twenty...sales tax, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and 17.5 percent in the income tax.

SENATOR MOORE: It's a penny sales tax increase and an increase in 3.1 to 3.7 income tax.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I like percentages.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: From what I read in the paper, is that a 25 percent sales tax increase?

SENATOR MOORE: According to my arithmetic, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that a 17.5 percent increase in...

SENATOR MOORE: According to my arithmetic, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Talk about being a dentist working in the hen yard trying to pull teeth from a chicken. Senator Moore, I'm almost beginning to wish that you hadn't awakened when that pheasant flew into your head when you had no helmet on. (Laughter.)

SENATOR MOORE: I just about didn't. See what I do in relation to that bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, maybe we could reverse the process if we arrange for that occurrence to take place again, and if we couldn't find...a pheasant, it was?

SENATOR MOORE: A pheasant.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We might find a different instrumentality. I have a hammer over here. But anyway, if we, without raising the sales tax above that 25 percent, without increasing the income tax above that 17.5 percent, if some way we could come up with more money to fund this bill while leaving those tax increases at their current levels, would that please you?