

debated, a senator can sometimes become a little unclear on what he hears, so I've got to ask Senator Elmer a question if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: I'll make the attempt, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Elmer, you said you had surveyed the people in your district and what percentage of them wanted this bill to be passed?

SENATOR ELMER: I said that the survey asked, should property tax be supplemented by an increase in sales or income tax? Almost 85 percent said yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, but you didn't ask them about this bill, in your survey?

SENATOR ELMER: I asked them if they wanted property tax to be shifted. I didn't address this bill specifically.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then that survey may not have any bearing on how your constituents would feel if they knew what the contents of this bill really are. Is that a possibility?

SENATOR ELMER: I would hesitate to say, Senator Chambers, but I would assume that they still believe that property tax should be reduced or should be supplanted or remain, how do you best say it? To be shifted from the dependence on property to sales and/or income.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so let's forget the questions that I asked before so I can ask you this question independent of all of that. Is it your understanding that the people in your district will be paying less overall in taxes with LB 1059 than they currently do now without it?

SENATOR ELMER: Some will pay less, some will pay more.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will a greater number pay less?

SENATOR ELMER: I'm not sure about numbers. The property as a whole will pay less. The net income for the district, compared to what the state is now, will be more.