

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I was in my office listening to this debate, and I was going to leave it alone, but I heard various members speak on the floor, and I especially paid attention to Senator Byars who said that we're not talking about, and I'm paraphrasing, political subdivisions as entities, but rather people who are out there who are to be affected. Yesterday, when we had an amendment up here on LB 1059, which would have kept the sales tax on automobiles at 4 percent, so that the bill would not be misrepresented to the public in terms of what it did we were discussing the impact this would have on people and how unfair it was to tax them under one guise when the money was going for another. And it struck me that the ones who voted against that proposal are the very ones speaking most strongly for this one, because their counties are affected. They want their counties to be given some money taken from all of the taxpayers, even those who get no benefits from the tax, from this money going back. And so that the role of shame, the role of shame will be known by all. Those individuals are Senator David Bernard-Stevens, Senator Byars, Senator Lowell Johnson, candidate Sandy Scofield, who ordinarily I feel such affection for her I wouldn't do this, but I just have to because the issue is so serious. They were against that amendment yesterday that would have brought justice, but now they are pushing for this that is to require all the taxpayers to give them something, give their counties something, give something to political subdivisions, trying to bail out political subdivisions. Let me ask Senator Byars a question, in case I'm misunderstanding what is happening here. Senator Byars,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Byars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this money that will go back to the district you represent, how much money is that we're talking about?

SENATOR BYARS: In the nearest approximation in Gage County is 800 plus thousand dollars in its entirety, and 100 plus in Jefferson County.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that money going to be distributed among the adult taxpayers in those counties?

SENATOR BYARS: Not by direct checks, no.