

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The money will go to the counties.

SENATOR BYARS: They'll go to the counties, the cities, the technical community colleges, the NRD boards, and every other political subdivision.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you are asking for something to go back to the political subdivisions and not to people.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, and they will not have to ask all of the individual taxpayers to reimburse those dollars from their property tax statements.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you had indicated that this is something that's being done for the people, but it's really for the political subdivisions, because those who operate these political subdivisions are in a position to assume their responsibilities that are reposed on them as a result of being in the positions they occupy. And I don't think the Legislature has the responsibility to bail out those political animals by placing a burden on taxpayers throughout this state. As was mentioned I think by Senator Schmit, these counties were getting the benefits of the money from those various taxpaying entities that other areas of the state were not getting. So now Senator Byars and his cohorts want to come to the Legislature, shed crocodile tears, put up a pitiful mouth and say, let the taxpayers, who in no way benefitted from the windfall his district was benefitting from,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...should now give them an additional windfall by going into their pockets and bailing them out. I don't think it's appropriate, I don't blame them for trying to do it. Everybody wants somebody else to pay the taxes, and that's why Senator Byars, Senator Scofield, Senator Bernard-Stevens and that other person, Senator Lowell Johnson, were wanting certain people to pay taxes to go for something that a bill that was raising the tax money did not say that money would go for. They have gall, and for that I applaud them. I didn't know they had so much gall. But I think they are misguided, and the Legislature would be mistaken to vote affirmatively for this proposition that is before us this morning.