

pass laws and the court can give decisions that will benefit only the top crust of this society, and it doesn't filter down. But if any benefit is derived by the small person, then the big people will trample them into the dust as they run to take advantage of it, and we stand and sit here, as a Legislature, afraid to put into law a system that will make possible the opportunity to obtain justice. And because some of the people out there who make their money...

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...trying to persuade us to work against the interests of the people can change our minds. And, Senator Smith, I understand what you're saying about a lot of things happening and you're unsure what is happening. I said, in the beginning, I feel naked on this session. These bills were not given to us with any lead time, amendments were not presented in time enough for us to digest them, so we have to go by what our sense of justice is and where it leads us. If I make a mistake during this session, I want it to be on the side of benefiting the people. But I still think we ought to hold to that primary principle of medicine, first do no harm. We ought to adjourn sine die and don't do anything, then people at least know where we are and we haven't created a worse situation. But you watch, in the next few days, they're going to be twisting people's arms, they're going to have people doing flip-flops, and much of what was...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Time is up, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...done today will be undone.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Warner, on the amendment to the committee...to the Withem amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I understand the impact of the amendment, if it is adopted, because of the nature of some of the lawsuits at least, as Senator Hannibal was indicating, which result in class action, if this amendment is adopted, the potential is that something in the vicinity of maybe 120 million would have to be refunded because of all the business equipment and any other lesser items that were referred to. And the refund doesn't come anywhere but out of the people who are left to pay. And either you're going to increase the sales and income tax, or you're going to