

the people that were...that paid accelerated property tax on sales, discussed it with the Revenue Department six weeks ago, Denny Donner. He told me that those people would not necessarily get their money back even if they applied for it. The Revenue Department told me that, told me that they would...could help me with that language. I discussed it with them today and there is no way they would help me with that language and I was told, basically, by staff that you're not with us, you're against us, no amendments will be accepted if you're an opponent or a perceived opponent to the bill, you can't have any amendments, and that doesn't set well with me. In other words, we won't accept an amendment to our baby even if you're right, even if you're right. It reminds me very much of arguments I have had in the past where I could hold up a red apple and say this is a red apple, and they look to the lobby and they say, no, that's not a red apple, and the vote is, nope, it's not a red apple, doesn't matter. We are...you will not try and touch our baby. Don't try and change this even if it's a good change, even if it helps the people we're saying we want to help. You know, who is the little guy if it isn't that person that had that farm sale or business sale and got accelerated property taxes collected because they did have the opportunity, if there was other property to go to, to forego that provision. And if there is other property to go to, that person is probably fairly well off. And if there is none, that means they're selling everything they have and you all are accepting that premise in that it's okay that there's going to be a few hundred people, the first guy was Mr. Vandergrind down around Hickman, I know portions of that family; there's been people in my district, and you all are saying now, that's fine, so they got stuck, no big deal. So they had to pay an extra \$5,000 in taxes that possibly nobody ever will ever have to pay again. That's no big deal, that's no problem. So the perception that you're with us or against us, nothing will be accepted, we are in control, we control the body, we control the bill, even a valid amendment from the perceived enemies of this wonderful plan...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...will not be accepted, will not be accepted under any circumstances. Even though we...we admitted that there were problems, they told me there was a problem, Revenue told me that, but yet we don't want to change it. We don't want to change the CA in any way that wil' possibly hinder its passage, even though it's past changing that could prevent