

in taxes as they do now and perhaps 1061 and the Hall amendment will be lost in the shuffle. But whenever that money which should come in by way of taxes does not come in, it diminishes what the state has to operate on. If that money is needed for the purpose of operating, it has to come from some place else. So in order to subsidize Ak-Sar-Ben, which might help some politicians in Douglas County, it nevertheless is going to be a burden on all of the people throughout the state. It is difficult for me to understand how a majority of the Legislature and it takes 25 votes on Select File to add an amendment such as this, would vote to give a tax benefit that will make possible the public bailout of elitists at the same time could not see fit to vote to let people have a right to vote on an issue that pertains to maybe their safety and that of their children. I'm talking about that nuclear waste facility. I see all these things as tied together because it lets us see what exists in the way of priorities or it allows us to see which kinds of groups have the power to move and manipulate this Legislature. There was considerable manipulation of the Legislature as a whole on LB 72. There is a smaller element trying to manipulate the Legislature on 1061.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But as was said by old Jesus, a little leaven leaveneth the whole. So on a measure such as this if there are some senators that would benefit from doing what Ak-Sar-Ben wants in this case, they might be able to talk enough other senators who don't live in Douglas County to go along with it because in the grander and broader scheme of things, by that I meant the bills facing us in the remainder of this session, it would be wise to give this concession to Ak-Sar-Ben. I don't think that is good policy. I don't think it is good policy at all and seeing the Lieutenant Governor walk into the Chamber to take over has just caused me to be flooded by a feeling of gentleness and cooperation, but I think it will only last as long as my bracket motion, so based on that and trying to get the most out of it, I'll withdraw that motion to bracket.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The motion is withdrawn. Senator Schellpeper, back to the amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I want to thank Senator Chambers for withdrawing that bracket. I think that's...this amendment and this bill is very important to