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SENATOR HALL: My car happens to be 15 years old, Senator Chambers, so I don't know. I don't have any experience purchasing those higher-priced cars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not from experience, from your ability to read legislation and fabricate tax legislation that gouges the poor?

SENATOR HALL: I have no experience at crafting tax legislation that gouges the poor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you vote this bill out of committee?

SENATOR HALL: Oh, absolutely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, do you see it as one that does provide considerable benefits to those who purchase high-priced cars?

SENATOR HALL: No, I don't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Under the present system, what would somebody pay as opposed to this system if they purchase a car over \$17,000, the first year?

SENATOR HALL: Well, it would be...Senator Chambers, it would be the amount, whatever the purchase price would be, it would be 17,000 times whatever the personal property tax rate...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...would be in that local subdivision, so it is going to vary from county to county. The issue here is one of a standardized rate that runs across the state as opposed to...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb, you are next. Senator Hall, your light is on next on the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Again, I...just to finish up with the question that Senator Chambers asked. The issue is one of bringing, I guess, uniformity with regard to how these cars are dealt with when you do away with the personal property tax levy, and the valuation basis that it uses. When you use a standardized fee, and that is what 1135 would put in place, and if you would turn to the white copy of the bill, you