

April 1, 1992

LB 1135

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know that.

SENATOR BYARS: This is the only way that we could break down the dollars. These are the total dollars for Douglas County.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we would divide that by the number of Douglas County senators.

SENATOR BYARS: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, don't be so shook up, Senator Byars, I'm having a little fun with you.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I still don't support your amendment though and I still don't support the bill even if the amendment is attached and I would advise Senator Morrissey not to support the bill even if the amendment is attached. The underlying premise of the bill and the way it plays out in reality combined to create a situation which I think is inappropriate. So I am opposed to Senator Byars' amendment and I'm opposed to the bill with or without it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, members, Madam President, I would ask for a ruling on germaneness of the amendment. The bill deals with a fee schedule as it relates to automobiles. It does away with the personal property whereas the amendment as it's offered, deals with creating a special fund for purposes of personal property tax refunds on centrally assessed companies and I would ask the Chair to rule on the germaneness of the amendment to LB 1135.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Byars, would you comment.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, Madam Chair, I think it very clearly is germane. I think in many issues we have we have just completed discussing tax bills, LB 1063, that dealt with sources of funding. I think this clearly has a funding source and I'm asking that to be allocated to refunds. It probably is no different than establishing a tax on fertilizer or a tax using a collection fee, a handling fee within a tax bill to fund a different purpose, and I think it is clearly germane.