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little, so they had to pay a little more, or paid in too much and were going to get a refund. I'm sure that in the scheme of things there may even be somebody who's an exact...hasn't changed their standing a bit, and it will be, you know, dollar-for-dollar, just a straight, even exchange. So there will be very little change in some of those cases. And I would guarantee, for the most part that's the way it will work across the board. There's still going to be a heavy cost associated with that, just to make the change...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...in the two systems, from the 1991 tax that was put in place and ruled unconstitutional to the 1992 tax in LB 1. They are separate and distinct. And, yeah, you're going to see what the effect of those two different issues, trying to mesh them together, is going to cost us when the A bill comes up following this debate. Again, rather than to belabor the issue, rather than to confuse anyone, I'll just...I volunteer to, you know I'm going to support removing the amendment. Although I do appreciate the concerns raised by Senator Wesely, I apologize because the timing was bad on this issue for myself.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senators. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Dierks and Schmit. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I have a rule of thumb which I will bring up in a second, it's to stay out of these debates and these deliberations because deals are cut, agreements are arrived at, and the majority of people on the floor do not participate in that activity. The one amendment that made enough sense for me to vote for was this one, that's the only vote I've cast on LB 1 or any other matter this session. It made sense, it seemed valid. And the one thing I voted for now turns out to not have been what anybody wanted it to be, so it has to come off. But what I see here is the David-Goliath syndrome. Those of us who are concerned about the small people in the sense of lacking power, money, or political clout, we can cry for them, we can bleed blood for them, and there is a ho-hum brushing aside of those people and their concerns. That's the little David. The Goliath syndrome is what we see here today. A big shot comes in and says, I don't like that, change it, and everybody, like a flock of quail who have been flushed, will fly off and say, although I thought it was right at the time, a few minutes later