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SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So I appreciate that. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Maurstad, your light is next.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. If Senator Beutler would yield to a...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...just one question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Absolutely.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Am I interpreting this right in that we are providing contributors the opportunity to indicate that they don't want to participate in double taxation and so they can check off and indicate that they don't want their contribution to be a part of this tax? Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, there were certain senators that were concerned about that. This provision was included in the bill. I want to be very clear about the fact that this is a mechanism that can be provided to such an individual who is making a contribution. I want to be equally clear though that, under the structure of the language of the bill, the total tax still has to be paid. It would simply be paid out of other funds.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So then you follow that so then that was a yes?

SENATOR BEUTLER: What was the original question again?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: (Laughter.) The original question was Section 4 allows for a contributor to avoid the double taxation of their contribution by indicating to the candidate that they don't want their contribution to be a part of the campaign committee income tax.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, but I wanted to...the answer is