

saw one, especially when you're being coerced to do what would be precisely and exactly what is in your best interest and what you would run pell mell and head over heels to do, even if you weren't coerced, as gently as we would suggest in 1368. No, the real root of the issue, the real root of the issue is where are those dollars kept until they're used for a permitted purpose, and do you have to claim them as a credit on your income tax return so that you actually have had to pay a tax, or would have otherwise had to pay a tax before you can get the benefit. And I understand why the companies that might otherwise have qualified for 829 would want that little bit of extra sweetener. And I appreciate the difficulties that the Union Pacific Railroad Company would have in obtaining that little bit of extra sweetener for its own benefit, and I understand why they brought the bill before us. All of those things perfectly consistent, perfectly logical, perfectly good for this debate. But I cannot, for the life of me, see why we should have two different kinds of systems, and I really don't see why anybody should hold state dollars in an account until they decide to spend them...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...for a permitted purpose. So, Senator, I'm assuming that there are other whales to be beached here, but I really didn't understand your point about how we were suddenly going to be coercing somebody to claim credits that they wouldn't otherwise use if we adopted my amendment to 1368.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question or two. Senator Brashear, you had said there is no pro-rata basis on which, or according to which this money that is withheld has to be spent. Is that correct?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I said I didn't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I don't either, that's why I'm asking. Would it be possible... Let me...let me give a hypothetical situation. Let's say that whatever is withheld has to be spent within a ten year period,...