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this old retiring farmer is going to get under the bill the way you want it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: An income tax credit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that credit will be...how will we determine the amount of that credit?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's 5 percent of his income tax amount to be paid, 5 percent of that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that income will be derived from what source?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The rental payment of his leasing out his farmland or his farm business, actually.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the person to whom the lease will be extended is this young person that you hope to draw into farming?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Now I'm going to deal with something that I can understand. When I was actively barbering, I rented a chair in the barber shop. Let's say that barbers are getting old and they need some younger people to become barbers, and in the barbering trade, as in politics, I'm a young man. (Laugh) I have a very steady hand. Now I go to the old geezer who is going to get out of the business and I say, this is how we...we're going to do this. I'm trying to get a loan to borrow...to buy this shop and I want to get it below market rates, and I want you to give me a break and lay it out like that and he says, no, Ernie, that's not how it's going to go. I say, well, how is it going to go? He said, well, I can get a tax credit based on the amount of rent I charge you. I say, so what does that mean? He say, well, in order to make the credit worth my while, I'm going to raise your rent. I say, you're going to raise my rent? He said, yes. I said, well, when we started this conversation you were trying to encourage me to buy your barbershop and right now you're going to charge me more to even rent this chair that I have in the