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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When does the Governor's term of office end, if you know?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh, well, he's just been inaugurated for a four-year term. It would end in I guess 2004, January of 2004.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So...if we take the three...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh, that's not right, 2003.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...years that I'm proposing, 2001, 2002, 2003, that would encompass the present Governor's term of office. Is that true?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this Governor who's in office now is the one who proposed this idea of giving the money back.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think I got his year off by one. I gave him another year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but he'll be...when...if this is adopted that I'm offering, he'll be gone unless he comes back again. Members of the Legislature, I am offering something which I think is responsible in terms of what we, as a Legislature, ought to do. We know that one Legislature cannot bind a future Legislature. But we also have been around here long enough to know, even those who just got in this session, that when language of this kind is put into the statute it serves a political purpose more than any other kind. The safety valve is that available excess revenue will be the only source for funding this Relief to Property Taxpayers Act. That name just goes through me more than if somebody took fingernails and dragged them across a wet chalkboard. These long names are there to hide something, but, nevertheless, if that language is