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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. You've heard the opening on the Kristensen amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 171. For discussion, Senator Kristensen, your light was on. Did you wish to use that? He waives off. Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, excuse me, Senator Beutler, you're next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is one of the more...perhaps one of the most difficult decisions in terms of just doing the right thing here. You know, and to me the right thing is as little refund as possible. So obviously 25 or more of you probably don't agree with that particular perspective to start with. But I think from my perspective of trying to make it as low as possible, I think I'm willing to go along with Senator Kristensen. It seems to me that you have a body of expenditures that to which the refund would apply. And it seems to me that the people who can apply for it could do it sooner or they could do it later. And giving them the flexibility to do it later doesn't expand the total dollar amount of exemption, or of refund that is, that would pertain. So that being the case, I don't mind giving that to Senator Kristensen if in return the exemption or the refund is cut in half. So, as you can tell, I'm not real excited about all this one way or another. I wish we didn't have to give any kind of refund. But I think I'm going to vote for the Kristensen amendment. And if he's willing to go along then with the half, I guess all things considered I think that's the better judgment from my particular perspective. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Before I ask Senator Kristensen a couple of questions about his amendment, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, does what just happened