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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator, I think that the bill, as I originally introduced it, would have let them have this. The committee struck that back down but put out the full amendment. Quite frankly, if I'm going to go back to the smaller ones that are in my area and say you're going to get half of the exemption you're after, I can at least tell them, look, you're going to get a period of time to hold off on your purchase and they can save a little bit of their investment. It's purely a compromise, Senator.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Well, if the federal government sets a mandate as to when this change over must occur, you're saying that the change over does not have to occur before the year 2006. Is that right?

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** That's...that's the target date, when the deadline...the drop-dead date is. What I'm saying is that extra period of time would allow them a little more flexibility, but the 2006 is...is more important than half of the exemption at this point in time on Select File with X amount of days left.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** And I can see why, Senator Kristensen, you would accept whatever you could salvage. I understand that, because it's your bill and you're trying to get what you can. I'm just having trouble understanding these people who I was in such deep discussion with and trying to embarrass people into voting against the bill and then the ground is cut out from under me. Senator Kiel, wherever you are, vote for the bill and I won't bring it up again. Senator Hilgert, vote for the bill. I'm sorry that I've called you out in the way that I did. I'm sorry I called out Senator Kiel in the way that I did. It was my own fault. Nobody made me do it. I made a blunder and, in politics, we make mistakes, and I make mine out in the open, more so than others will. Because if I take a position that's my position and I want you to know it, and then when it turns out that I miscalculated and made a mistake, then my mistakes are made out in the open, I acknowledge them in the open. Everybody ought to go ahead and vote for this bill. If anybody had questions about it because of anything I said, forget that. Vote for the bill. Other things are on play...at play on this floor other than all those things we talked about. I still mean the things that I said. I'm still going to vote for the