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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you respond to a Smith question?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR SMITH: And I apologize if this has already been clarified. I've been distracted a bit. But on page 1, the addition of an...line 6, the addition of an entire room or floor to any existing building, is there further clarification on what floor is? I'm assuming that it means an additional level ten feet above the most current...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yeah, it's not converting it from wood to tile in the kitchen.

SENATOR SMITH: Right, because with this language, the addition of an entire floor could be putting wood over vinyl.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well, I think that's not the interpretation. Clearly it is as you reasonably interpreted it. It is the addition of an entirely new level, taking a two-story building and making it three stories.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. And I would say that we would need to further clarify what floor is because it could be an ambiguous term here.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: We don't want to let that get away. I'll work on it.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you, Senator Brashear. Actually, I do have another question. When you say \$55 million, and I think earlier today we've highlighted an issue that is very real to the state...to state government, in general, and that is the tracking abilities of...you know, how this policy affects the various revenues. I mean I know you've stated it before, but how...what kind of assurance can we have that \$55 million is, indeed, the number?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's the same assurance; we used Department of Revenue input, our own fiscal, Legislative Fiscal Office,