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Chambers on the committee amendments to LB 279.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Jones a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jones, if my car was on its last wheels, I will say, and my license is...my tags are about to expire but I'm not ready to let go of the car yet--it might last another year--I would have to buy a six-year license plate anyway. Is that true?

SENATOR JONES: Every time...yes, every time you go get a new plate, it will be for six years, after this bill passes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, when I buy the six-year plate, after the first year of the plate, I get rid of the car. Do I have to buy new plates for my new car, or are we going to be able to take that plate and get five years' worth of worth...of use from it on my new car?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, you should get refunded back for five years, so you won't have to worry about that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will they...is there any interest that I'll get for...of having allowed them to use my money for that period of time?

SENATOR JONES: I've never seen the government pay interest yet, so I doubt it. (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it should be that way? Or should we just go ahead and gouge the public, like we always do?

SENATOR JONES: Well, I don't know about that. (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I was just curious about that. And as