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people who would testify against that bill who would not testify against the bill if property taxes were not implicated? Here's what I'm getting at. Maybe the substance of the bill is such that a person may have no concern one way or the other, but as soon as the specter of property taxes becomes involved, no matter what the substantive nature of the bill is, that possibility of an increase in property taxes will bring out opposition. Do you think that is a fair statement?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's a fair statement, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you going to...if this amendment is adopted, are you going to set it for a public hearing? Is that your intent?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, that is not my intent. The bill has been discussed extensively in committee. We had a public hearing on it. Certainly there's been a lot of debate on this issue in and out of the Capitol. I...this is my best attempt to deal with a federal mandate. And the people that have been working for the bill and against the bill seem to think this is the least objectionable way to go about this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we were to poll these people who were opponents to LB 32 in its original form, they would now be in support of LB 32 if that amendment you intend to propose is adopted?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think most...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, most of them would be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which ones would not be?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Would not be opposed to this?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would not be in favor of it if the amendment that you're offering were to be accepted.