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SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, I would be elated if we could adopt the committee amendments rather than kill them, and move the bill. That's the way it should be. But there were not enough votes, and there were forces working against me on this bill that I could not countermand. And so that's the reason I said, let's kill this amendment and go something with what the people behind the glass have been working against. Now, if you can get the 25 votes and the 33 votes for the original committee amendments that I'm trying to kill now, I'll change course and I'll go with you. That's what I'd like to see happen. But I'm a realist. That wasn't going to happen last year; it wasn't going to happen two weeks ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Schrock, since this is a hardball bill, can you get 33 votes to stop me...

SENATOR SCHROCK: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if they reject this amendment?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Probably not, Senator Chambers. But...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...but...okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to have to cut you...but my time is running.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'll give you some of mine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, this is a very serious bill. I know what I said I was going to do about all the bills that follow LB 172. But I have substantive issues with this bill, regardless of any other bill before us. And I raise the issue immediately about property taxes, taxing everybody. If you have an identifiable entity or group of entities creating a problem that is to be addressed by legislation, why not make those entities responsible for resolving the issue? Why should everybody have to pay to