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SENATOR BYARS: I hope...were you able to hear my dialogue there? You were visiting with Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I was listening with my left ear to Senator Stuthman; I was listening to my right with my right ear to you, so I picked up half of what you said.

SENATOR BYARS: Well, knowing how adept you are, you probably heard every word. My...the gist of my message was that, as I brief...just very quickly perused the bill and what you're offering for an amendment, I didn't see the huge changes that this would bring about, and I wanted to share with you Senator Bourne's comments, I think, that as passionate as you are and as important as this discussion is to have, I think it should be had in the Revenue Committee. And with an issue, even though it seems small, is of huge magnitude to over 400 people with mental retardation in this state, if this legislation is not passed, the legislation will stay in place. The Revenue Department will have to tax the ICF/MRs. They will be paying tax with dollars that we're giving to them in state and federal money, that will be...then have to be paid back to the state, will reduce the amount of money that can provide services, and could jeopardize the flow of quality services to people in this state. So what we're doing here, even though it seems fairly simple on the surface, is hugely important to people with mental retardation in the services they receive. So, Senator Chambers, with all due respect, I will need to oppose your amendment, as I look at what it does. Do not want to deny you the opportunity to have a lively discussion, but I think this is so important this probably isn't the right place for this amendment. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Janssen, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, you know, I...whenever we get into a discussion like this, I always am amazed at when we talk about businesses, religious organizations, selling of cars and so on, I know Senator Chambers alluded to the fact that this religious organization could be selling cars and there would be no taxes