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anybody's time. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on FA1520, if you care to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I thought you were going to ask me if I wanted that time. But I don't need it. Members of the Legislature, I am still not satisfied with this funding mechanism, so I have to ask Senator Schrock a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, there's...is there something in the bill right now that talks about these tax increases? Or will that be done with one of these amendments that I see pending?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, there is an A bill. And there is an amendment that would allow the NRDs to tax up to 1 cent for the implementation of the water task force provisions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that can be done in an A bill?

SENATOR SCHROCK: The A bill is the \$2.5 million from General Fund. And the other bill is an amendment that was passed out by the Revenue Committee that would allow the NRDs an extra 1 cent to levy for purposes of implementing task force recommendations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that authorization for a tax increase would be in a legislative bill, correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That would be a tax increase. Is that right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That would even be a property tax increase.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you been reading the Governor's statements about how adamant he is that there will be no tax increases this session?