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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We did a lot of work on that too, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I can tell by virtue of the decision that you took, you did look at a lot of things. And I want to express the appreciation because a couple of times before we got to the budget bill I had made some statements about how important I felt the court and its work was. So I want to acknowledge that I heard clearly what you stated, and I'm also appreciative of the fact that the committee did not cut the Legislature's budget. We are a branch of government and the action taken by the committee I think was very responsible. Now for my question. There is nothing in any of these budget bills that relate to a tax increase of any kind. Is that true or is that false?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Not directly there, that is true. There is not a direct one. There is an implied with it going to the \$1.10.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but I meant it towards sales or income tax.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now none of these bills, or can any of these bills be amended to insert a tax of one kind or another should the body be of a mind to do that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think there'd have to be an appropriate vehicle. I'm not sure what that would be, but as always, we can do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But these bills are not amenable to that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't think so. They're appropriations bills.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I kind of felt the same way too, but you never know what happens when we're in desperate and dire straits how creative we might be. But that's all that I wanted to ask