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they were obligated to pay taxes on that because there were provisions in the installation sections that should have been followed, and there are a body of disputed claims that predate LB 759...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, ...

SENATOR LANDIS: ...because of that source of confusion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I guess I certainly have one attitude with regard to claims that derive from LB 759 and any confusion we may have created by not having a bright line. wouldn't it be generally true that on complicated matters of sales taxes and as they apply under the statute that there are always going to be some disputes with regard to how a particular provision is interpreted? And so let me ask you one more question, Senator Landis. How much of the \$1.5 million relates to the problem we cause by a arguably less than...well, you know, in some ways, I don't even want to say this, because I think the committee did a fantastic job with LB 759, and I think some of the complications that people perceived as being terribly complex came about because the committee made gigantic efforts to be fair and to distinguish so many things in response to the lobby that was upon you at that particular moment in So, first of all, I'm not sure I blame the committee for LB 759 and whatever complexities might have been there. anybody is to blame for those complexities, it's probably the lobby that insisted upon distinguishing in so many instances that the law became complex. In any event, if we want to take on the burden of saying, yes, we were the bad guys on LB 759, how much of the \$1.5 million backing away is related to the process of going back a year to LB 759, and how much of it related to pre-LB 759 disputes with the Department of Revenue, ...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...which I don't...I'm not sure we should get involved with? Can you tell us that?

SENATOR LANDIS: I can't, but I can ask and give you that