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\$1.5 million, I think, just refers to the refunds that will actually be paid out. You could probably add to that, if you wanted to, that maybe, you know, if this bill didn't pass, some of the claims or some of the actions about...brought by the Department of Revenue against contractors for obligations prior to that point would be successful. So you might want to add that to the \$1.5 million. The point is I think the committee decided, and I certainly agree, that we make the date, the effective date, October 1 of 2003; we go forward from that date, these services are taxed. There's no question. What happened before that date we're going to...we're going to allow the refunds; go...treat everybody the same, that we're going to assume that those taxes before that date were not...don't have to be paid because the statute was, in fact, confusing. So LB 759 is involved in the sense that...but probably only in the positive sense that it made it clear that these...well, actually, LB 1017 following that made it absolutely clear that these taxes would...or these services would be taxed, and that's the way it's going to happen. Going forward, these services are all taxed and I think that is well known so that we have that bit of agreement to operate on. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Raikes, let me carry on that same conversation with you a little bit. First of all, with regard to the matters that were before LB 759 and constituted something other than what we did with LB 759, did that concern...and the pending litigation, does that all revolve around one question, or more than one question?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Raikes, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, I would. Senator, or at least the part I'm focusing on deals specifically with the issue of whether or not the installation of utility cables, that sort of thing, is a taxable service or not. And going back well before LB 759, there was confusion about that, at least that's the allegation and I think it's...