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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but we know there's nothing to it.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time on opening, Senator Chambers, but you're the first one lit, so you can continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. My motion, so that you will be aware of what it is, is to recommit this bill, which at first was preposterous. It moved from being preposterous to being ridiculous to what it now is--an abomination. I want to send it back to the Revenue Committee. The turf war has started. I agreed with Senator Beutler's amendment. Organized labor definitely should be there. A representative of low-income interests should be there. But how are you going to select these individuals? Senator Beutler had to craft his amendment to comport with the way the bill is written and the way Senator Burling's amendment was drafted. Now that Senator Jensen is asking that the area of concern that he has been granted representation, I'd like to ask Senator Byars a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Byars, would you yield?

SENATOR BYARS: I certainly will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Byars, do you think the developmentally disabled should have a part to play, since there are providers and others who receive compensation or reimbursement from public money?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I think they should.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think...that's all I will ask you, because I'm going to go beyond that. Every one of us could come up with at least one, and probably more than one, entity which ought to be involved if we're going to try to cover the waterfront of those impacted by taxation. I have an amendment that would raise the number of members from 15 to 510. There would still only be eight senators, because they're just thrown in there just as a sop. There would remain one representative from city government, one representative from county government because, as politicians, they're not much better than the senators. They just operate and do their damage at a lower