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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will have the opportunity to close on my amendment. I wish I could have waited until after Senator Friend, whom I refer to as the "General," had spoken, so I'd know whether I should just close on my amendment, or I should close on his throat, figuratively speaking. I guess I'll just have to wait and hear him out, and then, during my close, respond to anything that he might have to offer. I know that there are differences of opinion on the approach that ought to be taken on this matter, because they've been expressed on the floor. I listened to Senator Redfield and I was stunned when she had said that the people she respects collect taxes and pay taxes, and these others spend, so they shouldn't be on it. I couldn't believe that I was in the year 2005, hearing such a narrow, class-based comment. But because I know Senator Redfield in the way that I do, that was not her intent. I don't think that was her intent at all. But if you just listen to her words, they were very cutting to everybody except those that she feels an affinity with. The other day she told us about the interest she has in looking out for those big companies that are in her district. So she staked out her territory and her area of interest, so they're going to continue to say, let us suck all this money out of the revenue stream, and let the suckers pay those taxes. But what Senator Redfield and her ilk and the big companies don't realize is that when they suck all this money out for their incentives, they don't want to pay taxes, the rest of us suckers have to pay the taxes, so they have a treasury to plunder, so that they have a governmental structure that makes sure that there are streets and roads, street lighting, police, fire protection, and all of the things that create a wholesome, safe environment for those who are so much smarter than the rest of us, that we should have no say-so in matters that affect us and those we care about so intimately. Let our betters handle it. They know. You know what proves they're better? They know how to get all that money out of the treasury, and all we know how to do is pay the money in. Obviously, they're smarter. Since they're smarter, they're also better. There was a slogan during the early days of the colonies--No taxation without representation. And that really caught on, on this continent. But in England, where those people had come from, that was the standard. There was not representation. They had what they