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called a "rotten borough" district where people were in Parliament who represented nobody. But that was a catchy slogan, to say what is happening in England will not be tolerated in the colonies. But when it comes to looking at whether or not a tax policy is fair, there are certain groups who should not be at the table, because they don't know enough. Well, I'm sure they wouldn't want me at a lot of tables where I barge in, where I inject myself and refuse to go away.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are many subjects I discuss on the floor of the Legislature which people wish I would ignore. I'm sure that there are people who wish I were not as active in the legislative process as I tend to be, everyday on practically every issue. Nobody else does that. So those are not the kind of people you'd want on this kind of outfit. You want all those who have unanimity, if not perfect agreement on every issue. Senator Redfield is on that committee. They sent this thing out to us, but now that they've heard some comments, maybe they'll do a better job if we send it back to them, or they will deposit it where it should have been deposited in the first instance. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, this has been pretty interesting. I wasn't going to weigh in, and I'm sure most of you wish I wouldn't, but I...thank you, Senator Mines. When I found out that this was on the agenda, or it actually made it out of committee, one of the first things that I did is I said, hey, that sounds like fun. I'd like to be on-and I thought maybe I should keep this quiet--I'd like to be on that task force, because I'm a self-proclaimed whatever--economist. (Laughter) But all I'd do if I got onto a task force like that--and I'm going to raise my hand and admit it--all I would do is try to promote my agenda. That's what I do out here. Why would it be any different in a task force? Anybody in here with me on that task force is going to hear a few things if I'm there--less government, less intervention for the fiscal, for somebody's private fiscal life.