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period.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, they don't have to wait till the three-year period, but they do. The law says that after...if it's unclaimed after three years, that merchant has to send the money to the state.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, so that that is in the statute.

SENATOR BOURNE: It's in the current statute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: And there are penalties in the statute if they don't do that.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR BOURNE: Now I can't tell you, Senator, that everybody does it, but I can tell you the law requires them to.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you very much. And that is what I wanted to kind of clear up, as to whether that business establishment, you know, did, you know, benefit from the ones not being turned in. But those dollars must be accounted for and turned in to the state. So thank you. I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman and Bourne. Senator Landis, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Stuthman's point, I think, was about existing law. In existing law, unclaimed property eventually gets to the hands of the state. Unclaimed property eventually gets to the hands of the state. Not after LB 173; not after this bill. After this bill, unclaimed property will stay in the hands of the merchant. That's right. And maybe that's what you want. It's certainly what the merchants want. Why? Well, there's...I know that when we made one change for this kind of property during a special session, and we moved it from one time frame to a different, it made a difference of \$5 million in one