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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you yield?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, if somebody told you about this tax commission making a comparison of the taxing structure or taxes paid, would you consider the state of Ohio to be a nearby state for purposes of that comparison?

SENATOR JANSSEN: In my opinion, Senator Chambers, it would be a state...I don't think you could even use "nearby" or "contiguous." I think you should look at a state that has an economy similar to ours, which is generally agriculture, if that would be...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that's not in the bill.

SENATOR JANSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm dealing with the language here.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. That's why I don't think the language is correct in the amendment. I believe you should look at states that have similar economies, agriculture is their base economy; that has cities, a couple of larger cities like Lincoln and Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Janssen, when I started out, I was heading in that direction, too. When the language talks about a comparison with the United States as a whole, I don't think that would be very helpful.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, you know, as long as we're visiting here, Senator Chambers, the state of Ohio has quite a bit of agriculture. They have quite a bit of industry. California has a lot more agriculture than people realize they have. It's not the same as ours,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it's not...

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...but they do have a lot of agriculture.