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SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Redfield, if I understood what you said--and you may have had more in your mind than what you did say--you weren't talking about being unable to predict what might happen in the future or where this might lead, but just that you did not want to grant any additional exemptions at this time, period. Is that generally what you were saying?

SENATOR REDFIELD: What I was generally saying is that I didn't want to add any amendments to the bill, and also that I was very cautious about increasing exemptions into our sales tax code, because of the impact on contracting the base. So, if you understood that that way, that's the way I meant it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you talking about being unaware of how much more might be involved in Senator Byars' amendment than what currently is the situation; namely, that it's not going to require...it's not going to have any fiscal impact?

SENATOR REDFIELD: I wasn't concerned about the cost of Senator Byars' bill. I was concerned about those who followed in the hearing day saying, we're just like that, and therefore we should have the exemption. And then, they're a little bit different, so the next group comes in, who are more like the differences, and say, but we're just like that, and you gave them the exemption. And that's how our base continues to contract.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Redfield, have you voted for any bills that granted sales tax exemption or exemptions to businesses on various pieces of equipment and other items on which everybody else might pay a sales tax?

SENATOR REDFIELD: I did support the manufacturing equipment sales tax cut. But I have been pretty firm in the Revenue Committee--and Senator Landis could probably verify that--Senator Raikes, Senator Landis, and I tend to be the ones who hold the line on not contracting the base on sales taxes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you have not opposed all sales tax