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SENATOR AGUILAR: You had a couple questions about whether immigrants pay taxes, correct?

SENATOR SMITH: Income tax specifically, yes.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Okay. I'm going to speak directly to property taxes and sales taxes. You're in real estate, right?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Do you have any rental houses?

SENATOR SMITH: Houses?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Homes? Rental homes?

SENATOR SMITH: No, I own...

SENATOR AGUILAR: Apartment?

SENATOR SMITH: ...mini storage, if you will.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Pardon me?

SENATOR SMITH: Mini storage is the property that I own and that (inaudible).

SENATOR AGUILAR: Okay. Well, let's assume you had a rental home, okay, and you have an illegal immigrant family come and want to rent that house from you. Are you going to automatically discount that price you would normally charge because they're not citizens, they don't pay property taxes? So you're going to discount that and you're going to eat the rest of that cost while you pay property tax on it? Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR SMITH: I'm not sure where you're going with this. I...

SENATOR AGUILAR: What I'm trying to say and to make it clear enough for you to understand...