

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, removing all exemptions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I don't hear anybody, even those areas that say raise the sales tax, get rid of property tax, saying get rid of all exemptions. You know why? Because they don't want to pay property tax and they don't want to pay sales tax because they're getting exemptions, too. So again it's not quite as simple as it might sound. The sales tax is something like a piece of Swiss cheese--it's cut through, it's shot through with all of these holes and openings. Senator Beutler almost made me laugh, as the little boy did, or girl, who saw Santa Claus, I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. He said, what if the Governor vetoes it, all we have to do is override it. Where is that...where is that young scalawag, Senator Beutler, with the nerve to say that? (Laugh) He was here yesterday. He saw a display of the courage of these senators. We took a vote, and before the bulbs on the vote board got cool, where we voted to do something, Senator...what's his name up there? Senator Withem stood up and said, undo what you did. The bulbs on the voting board hadn't even gotten cold yet. And you know what these courageous people that Senator Beutler says will stand up to the Governor did? What would happen if I took a Teflon skillet, maybe they call it a frying pan, a Teflon griddle and poured 49 grease-covered soybeans on it and I tilted it upright? Would those soybeans, grease-covered, stick to a Teflon skillet? No. And these senators fell away from that vote quicker than those soybeans would fall off that griddle. Senator Beutler thinks they'll cast a vote and stick in the face of a veto? Those soybeans covered with grease will stick to a Teflon skillet sooner. Now here's what I want to ask, because we know that we could raise more money by removing sales tax exemptions. I want to ask Senator Jensen...oh, Senator Jensen...Senator Jensen, I see a lefty that you're talking to. But, Senator Wesely, I'd like to ask the "righty" to whom you're talking, which is Senator Jensen. I like to see the left and the right working together, but I don't think the left and the right know what each other is doing, 'cause you're both smiling, so it's obvious you're not communicating. (Laughter) Senator Jensen, you had mentioned something about just when it seems we're about to do something then it kind of falls apart and we don't do it. Was that roughly what you said?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.