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while asking the state to give back money you're asking the state to cut taxes other than income taxes, is that right?

SENATOR WILL: That is true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Will. I want to ask Senator Janssen...oh, he's on his telephone so I will wait till his call is finished. Members of the Legislature, I'm not in favor of LB 401, the income tax bill at all, but cutting these taxes will certainly make me even more against it. And I was beginning to feel just a little weariness, but now I've been reenergized and I want to ask Senator Janssen a question. Senator Janssen, when we get to LB 401, the income tax cut bill as it's called, will you have prepared your amendment to give some sales tax relief?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all that I wanted to ask you on that matter. Senator Will is being very inconsistent in asking the state to cut taxes in this regard. I am not in favor of taking from Caesar anything that Caesar ought to have, but if you adopt this amendment you are still giving these operations the 2 percent break that they get from the abolition of the tax that the cities and villages can impose. I am not going to mess with that 2 percent by raising it to a higher amount, but either you should let the state tax them or let the city tax them. So if I can do nothing in holding on to what the state gets then I have an amendment that would call for the striking of this...or the reinstatement of all of this language that has been stricken relative to the right of the cities and the villages to levy their 2 percent tax. What I am doing with this amendment is giving back to the state the 6 percent tax which it currently receives. Without the enactment of LB 99, nothing would change with reference to the taxing of bingo. The cities would get their 2 percent, along with the villages, and the state would get its 6 percent. Senator Will has not given a good argument as to why the state should not receive the amount of tax that exists now. He has said the cities don't do anything as far as enforcing the Nebraska Bingo Act or whatever, so he's saying, even though the cities have come to rely on this money, they should not get it in the form of the 2 percent tax. Now that he