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SENATOR MARESH: That's what the Legislature decided last year, or last time, two years ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maresh, was that \$20 amount an adequate return for the amount people paid in taxes on food, yes or no?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Maresh. Senator Maresh does not even know what he is talking about. When he sat on the Revenue Committee last year they estimated it might take from \$24.50 to \$26 at that time. Senator Maresh does not remember. Senator Maresh does not think clearly when he has a bill with his name on it and he is willing to state things that he knows are not true at the time he states them. Now if he is wise enough to know that justice means to treat everybody the same but he knows that people are taxed at a different rate, there is no way that \$23 can be said to be just. So I want to clear the air of that before we go further on this bill, Senator Maresh. This bill is not dealing with justice. You are also trying to play hunches and second guess the Governor. Apparently you haven't talked to him yet because you don't know how high he will let the Legislature go or you don't know how close he will let the Legislature approach to justice before he vetoes a bill. But I don't think measures like this ought to be enacted looking at the Governor or feeling his hot breath on your shoulder. I am not personally concerned about what the Governor might do with this bill. I am concerned in view of the discussion that occurred this morning with doing what is right and the reason I use the term yapping is because that is what it was. We heard people talking about how the credit is the fairest way to handle this tax situation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then we have a bill which the introducer has to acknowledge although shakily that it is not fair. Senator Maresh reminds me of when Adolf Eichmann was in the dock and everytime they asked him a question to which an answer yes or no could be given he would equivocate and hedge. If they asked, how much is four times four, he couldn't say sixteen, he said four times four is two times eight. Well, how much is two times eight? Seventeen minus one. This is an unjust proposition and I am going to put a kill motion on it so that I'll have an opportunity to discuss it further.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, then Senator Wesely and then