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SENATOR HABERMAN: We are discussing the Wesely amendment, is that correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, may I ask you a question please?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, I will ask you the same question that I asked this morning. How do you intend to replace the revenue that is lost by increasing the sales tax credit?

SENATOR WESELY: I would assume that we are going to have to increase the general sales tax or perhaps generally the income tax.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Did you know, sir, that the income tax and the sales tax are tied together? If you raise one, you raise the other.

SENATOR WESELY: I know that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do you have any idea how much you are going to have to raise the sales-income tax?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't have the figures.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do have any idea how much money we are losing if you raise this?

SENATOR WESELY: I believe that for every \$1 we increase the tax credit, we are talking about one and half million dollars.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Don't you think that it would be no more than fair to your fellow colleagues that you tell us how much you are going to have to increase the sales tax and income tax before we vote for a bill like this?

SENATOR WESELY: I think that is a fair request but I also think that this would take effect, my amendment would take effect a year from now and it is hard to anticipate what sort of revenues would be lost and acquired in that time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, then, Senator Wesely, I would like to suggest that a year from now you bring this up with the figures and I possibly can support it. Thank you, Mr. President.