

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, we're on a bill where they are trying to add hidden taxes to pay for something unrelated to what the tax is for.

SENATOR ROGERS: Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How long have you been in this operation?

SENATOR ROGERS: Oh, 20, 30 years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you try to make as much money off of all products produced as is possible?

SENATOR ROGERS: That's the name of the game, Ernie. It hasn't worked that well, but that's what we try.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I could suggest an activity that would make you more money, would you be amenable to acting on it?

SENATOR ROGERS: I'll sure listen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Maybe you've already done it so I'm going to ask you. Have you learned in your 20 years of dealing with sows how to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear?

SENATOR ROGERS: No, I haven't. I went to school a couple times, Ernie, but I still don't have it mastered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I have. I suggest to Senator Rogers, stay here and watch how on the taxing front the Legislature attempts to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. This is a bad bill. Were any other group being taxed in this fashion, this bill would not be getting even the shaky support that it has gotten so far. But everybody who is going to support this bill will talk about how they're against child abuse and the conservatives will be able to show how they created a new bureaucracy and they will be able to show how they use a hidden tax on one or a certain element of the population to pay for it. Then the rest of the session when we get on revenue bills and the budget bills, I want you to listen to them as they talk about we've got to cut here, we've got to cut there, we've got to get a fair taxation program, we've got to equalize taxes. You're going to hear all such talk as that. When a person is on the witness stand and has made a statement at a prior time which is contrary to the one they are making