

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has that bill been advanced?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did the bill...did the Legislature pass LB 662 yesterday which based on what some people on the floor of the Legislature said will call for an increase in the sales tax of 1 percent at a future date?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did Senator Warner, who feels that he is a very wise person and a lot of other people agree on fiscal matters, calculate that perhaps an additional 1/2 percent increase in the sales tax may be necessary?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. That is why I like to ask Senator Johnson questions. He answers them forthrightly and the answers are damaging to what he is trying to do. You are talking about depriving some people of an exemption entirely. I look up at the Chair and what to my wandering eye should appear but Senator Morehead. Good morning, Senator Morehead. Glad to see..I was getting ready to say that Senator McGinley never looked so good which he didn't, but it is not Senator McGinley anyway. He is Senator "McGonely" now and he can stay gone, but anyway, we are going to take exemptions away...

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SENATOR MOREHEAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is how you get paid back when you are nice, but we need objectivity from our Chair even in the face of compliments. You are going to take exemptions from some groups. You have already raised the sales tax by 1 percent and it will probably have to raise another percentage point. You are going to raise the exemption that these tracks get from 1 million to 7 million dollars or a 700 percent increase in exemption and that is what you are going to tell the public, and you are doing it for a gambling interest which has never done properly what it