

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It is still exempt, but instead of it being just a simple exemption, one has to apply for a refund. In other words, we will then know who the people are for the first time who are using the exemption because they apply for a refund.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Why is it we don't know who it is now?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Because they simply walk into a purchaser and say, I am the Vard Johnson Manufacturing Company. This will be an exempt purchase. Do not charge a sales tax and that will be it and there is never a record of that with the Department of Revenue. So we don't know who is taking advantage of the exemption.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Johnson, what would your reaction be if I told you \$27 million has been lost or gone since we passed LB 3 and nobody knows where it went?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: You're suggesting that \$27 million is a speculative number?

SENATOR HABERMAN: It is not a speculative number, it's a fact.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: That's a lot of money, \$27 million.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And I would like to ask you as the Chairman of the Revenue Department to find out who got the \$27 million.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I've been to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Tax Department. I've been everywhere and you can't get the information, yet tax exempt property is, according to the law, public information. So, as far as I am concerned I would like to know where the \$27 million went. Who got the money? Now the Department of Revenue is going to tell you, we can't give you this information because it's on the income tax form, but they audit and they have in their files that it has been abused. They've admitted it's being abused so they know and so I am going to ask you, before the session is over, that have your committee come up with a list...well, I'll go further. The