

justified under certain conditions. But I would suggest that the DeCamp proposal is premature. I would suggest that you can go back home, Senator DeCamp, to Holt County. You ought to make the trip some time and say, well, we peeled a million and a half off the tax for Ak-Sar-Ben, but we raised the taxes a little bit more here and a little more there. I suggest the re-election will be a little easier...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...for whoever runs against you. But the point I want to make is this, you have some good points, and I'm not denying that. But I think by the time you finished explaining your amendment there wasn't a single person on the floor that understood what you were doing. Had it not been for Senator Vard Johnson's little more thorough explanation we wouldn't have known. Yes, we pick up a 100 grand by requiring the deposit on a regular basis of the revenue to the state. Very, very laudable goal. But then on the other hand we throw away a million or a million and a half and I don't think that is quite a fair trade. I think we have to recognize the industry may need some help. There may be a time when we need to do some things for the industry, but we need to do it up front and we should definitely do it from the status that the Ak-Sar-Ben track may be threatened by other tracks, by other forms of gambling. We should not do it by piggybacking the Ak-Sar-Ben assistance on the back of Atokad and Columbus.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I hope that you would not, at this time, support my good friend, Senator DeCamp's, amendment

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis is next, then Senator Miller, then Senator Nelson, then Senator Conway.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, is anybody having fun this year with the matter of the budget and the revenue? Is it a pleasure to be doing the business that we are doing? I don't think so. People on the budget committee say it is a tough year. People on the Revenue Committee say it's a tough year. People are getting hit up on the revenue bills right and left, aren't you? Your mail pouches are full with anti-715, anti-273, please don't tax us anymore. Everybody is saying no tax increases. What is