

you are doing, especially when you are going retroactive you are going back and you are going to take more money away from them than ever before because you are going back and that is just dirty pool. That is snooker, Senator Chambers, that's how you play snooker. You snooker the ball. You get the guy behind the 8-ball or behind the white ball, behind the red ball. You snooker him and that is what you are being...and what you are playing is you are playing snooker and you are going to get snookered if you pass this. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh and then Senator Hefner.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. We are asking you to put the tax at the rate where it was one year ago. We are only asking for the tax on income from persons who have income. Look at the list that Senator Don Wesely sent out. If you are a family of four with a joint return in the \$10,000 tax bracket, you are being asked for \$3.00 more a year. That is less than a penny a day. If you happen to be at the \$15,000 rate, you would pay \$9.63 more a day...more a year. That is about 3 cents, less than 3 cents a day. If you jump all the way up to the \$50,000 tax bracket, you are being asked to pay less than a \$100. You have these figures. Would you please look at them. The moment of truth has come. Will you be responsible? We are not asking you to increase taxes today. We are asking you to leave this particular bill in a position where two days from now a vote may be cast intelligently regarding this issue. By not adopting the amendment, you take away your own flexibility. I may be one who chooses to vote against it on Final Reading, but I am not so stupid that I cut off my options two days ahead of time. I do not know what I will be doing two days from now. I do not know what we collectively will be doing in regards to the A bills which are still pending. I do not even know what we collectively will be doing about our budget bills. And until those decisions are made, we cannot say, I will or I won't vote for this bill, but you certainly can say, I don't wish to have any flexibility, I don't wish to have any options. I will cut off my nose right now to spite my face and I may regret at leisure. I won't regret. I will at least vote to adopt the amendment which Senator Warner has offered for us. I will say that this would be the wise thing to do to leave your options open for two more days. You, too, may wish it were there and even if you fully intend not to vote for it on Final