

would do because I was operating in a swamp of alligators and it was incredibly difficult to get out so I could take the time to try to get us a little bit of information. Senator Haberman would now have the Revenue Committee memorialized to conduct his investigation for him. Now the truth of the matter is, most of the information that Senator Haberman wants is confidential, is absolutely confidential, and I won't be able to get it. For example, we have talked about the bank tax bill and I have really wanted in the worst ways to know just exactly how much tax each bank paid so I could get on the floor of the Legislature and I could say, "Can you believe it, that bank in your home town hasn't paid a nickels worth of tax for 15 years." But, I can't get that information. I mean I can't get it. It is confidential. I have never heard the information. Well the same thing is true for these exemptions which manufacturers are able to get by going into a retailer and simply saying, hey, this transaction is exempt from tax. Those exemptions are confidential transactions and I can't get them. Now, the Department of Revenue, through audits, has been able to determine over time that a lot of manufacturers were claiming transactions to be exempt from tax when those transactions were not exempt from tax. The Department of Revenue was able to give us their kinds of information that they can generalize from, and we have gotten that and we have worked with that. But, naming names and getting specific items and getting close to identifying taxpayers is something I can't do. I told Senator Haberman I would be more than happy though to again use my personal persuasion and my staff persuasion to get as much information from the Department of Revenue as I could on this issue. But, to have the Revenue Committee now conduct a formal investigation and study in an area that is basically confidential statutorily wastes our time and is basically improper. It is not a proper area for legislative work. For that reason I want the resolution, I suggest the resolution be killed.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

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SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise to support the kill motion. Senator Haberman, I don't believe we need a resolution such as this. The Revenue Committee has been on top of this for the last three or four