

SENATOR HABERMAN: Would this change the fiscal note, changing the percent?

SENATOR WITHEM: It will, I do not know to what extent. There's an estimate that the committee counsel gives me that it would be about a \$1 million difference in the amount of revenue that would be raised in a full year of implementation of this bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: A million dollars less.

SENATOR WITHEM: Correct.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This bill...bill doesn't say anything about money going for teacher salaries, does it?

SENATOR WITHEM: The bill does not earmark the money, no.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do you know whether there will be an amendment on Select File or in the future to earmark the money for teacher salaries?

SENATOR WITHEM: I do not anticipate an amendment to this bill to earmark it, but let me finish the story, make sure that I'm not accused of holding anything back. If this bill advances and passes, I'm sure there will be members of the body, me being one of them, that would like to see part of it appropriated, with the other appropriate appropriation measures, to appropriate money to the teacher pay bill. There is a connection, it's not a direct connection.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Withem, for being so up front and frank with me, and thank you very much.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Chambers, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I know this bill is going to advance, and it will probably pass. But since the Governor has said he's going to veto it, as I stated earlier, it makes it unnecessary, at this point, to really try to wage an all out stop it at all cost battle. But another thing that makes that not feasible is because of the limited range and number of products which are to be taxed. I think, if this were viewed as an effort to restart the tax on food, then my whole attitude toward it would change. I've