

feel uncomfortable opposing all of this but feel that I should at least bring up the fact that we need to do this in the calm and the quiet and the, well maybe not calm and quiet of the committee, but at least in good deliberation and with certainly more information than I think the majority of the people in this body have. I don't know if you know even what is really in 587 new language that we just passed. Yes, we have two years and, yes, that's why the committee didn't deal with it because we thought we had time to deal with this bill in more detail. To start adding things on at almost eight o'clock, meritorious as they might be, I think is just a mistake and particularly if we start down a road that's third and fourth choice when we could start down the right road at the right time...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...with the right information.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Vrtiska, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I want to ask, if I could, a question of Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, would you respond, please.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You indicated I think when you were talking on the opening about how much money this could perhaps raise. What was that figure? I didn't get it down.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In the vicinity of 300,000 is what they estimated last time the bill was here, in 1984.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And if that's not enough and if this would take effect and that's not enough, how do you propose to finish funding it, through the General Fund?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Senator. As you know, I propose a keno tax for one thing. I think there are a whole variety of things you can look at or you can simply delay again and wait till the fund builds up to a sufficient level to effectuate your purpose.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well I asked that question because I understand that the amount of money that the federal government gets has been diminished quite severely in the last few years