

concept. The mechanics were just not altogether clear with me, but I think I understand what you are doing now. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Kristensen, you are next, if you want to speak at this time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I do, thank you, Mr. President. Senator Warner, I'd like to continue on with Senator Beutler's questions, because it will directly reflect, I think, on what Senator Lynch is doing, because I assume, Senator Lynch, your language is much like Senator Warner, you just scoot the dates up. Okay, you change the dates, make them a little different. If we have a law that I enact in, let's say, 1999 for an exemption, and I look at the Constitution and it says here that the exemption shall terminate every 10 years thereafter, I assume the thereafter refers to the 2002 date.

SENATOR WARNER: It's intended to, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, okay. And then...but I...in 1999, I exempt farm machinery and I hereby designate that it shall have a 10-year exemption life, pursuant to constitutional Section...Article VIII, Section 13, or whatever. Can I...can I do that? Can I go 10 years?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, it's my intent, at least, and I will agree that maybe we need to make that clearer, but I have reviewed this...since all amendments that have been...or all statutes have been passed that grant an exemption would be terminated at the same time, my assumption is that they need to be reenacted if they are to be in the 2001 session, in that previous session.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. And what would occur here would be, let's say we had a major fight in 1999 over exemptions. Legislature had a knock-down, drag-out battle, that battle then would occur again in a few years, in the 2001 session, to refight the fight that we just had a few years ago. So the practical effect of this would be that the session after, well, it would be the 2002 session and thereafter was when all your exemptions would get put in because you don't want to have to fight the fight like twice in four years, you'd rather fight the fight every 10 years, and so there will be a natural tendency to do exemptions on that anniversary date. Would that be a logical conclusion?