

court, and when they go to court, they are going to win, because they have people working for them that are a lot smarter than we have people working for us. So it is going to be argued, the railroad track is not real property. It is personal property and will be valued...taxed differently than real property, and they are going to save millions and millions and millions. So I would like to have you think of that when it comes time to vote on Senator Moore's amendment. Why the deal was cut, why the railroads are perfectly willing not to sue, we are not going to sue now folks. Then the Governor says but we are not going to mandate that the railroads are going to do this or do that. It leaves it up to the Revenue Department. Well, don't kid me, folks. You know as well as I do that the man in charge of the Revenue Department is going to give in to the railroads, that is part of the deal. Let's don't close our eyes altogether and hold our breath until we get blue in the face. Anybody can understand, even Senator Hefner can understand that. Yeah, even Senator Elroy Hefner can understand that. So I would strongly suggest, and I am going to keep on harping on this as much as I can, the difference between real property and personal property for the railroads is millions and millions of dollars, and I'll bet that's what they have got up their sleeve. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, let me just simply state state law now state. that track is real property. There is nothing in this amendment that changes that. So that just simply isn't there. I am not sure how I want to say what I feel I need to say. I don't mind, understanding the political system, there are those who want to utilize these discussions to cast out on CA 1. There is a lot of adjectives that are thrown around, that offends me a great deal. There was no deal, I know that is a headline grabber, and a few other adjectives that I have heard. My interest in this issue is to try and resolve a tax issue that has faced this state for four or five years. I know there are those of you who believe that what you would like to see done can be done without a constitutional amendment, and that I disagree with, but you are entitled to take that position. What you are not entitled to, though, is to mislead the public with adjectives and allegations which simply are not true. The citizens of this state desire accuracy in what they are told, not allegations, and I am very willing to sit and discuss this issue on the basis that it ought