

address, they need to be permanent solutions. There is no such thing as a temporary statute. We enact a statute into law and it becomes a matter of the statutes of the State of Nebraska and they remain there. We've talked about temporary taxes and the people laugh. So we don't want to get into the same kind of situation when we address temporary solutions. Temporary solutions have the force of law once they are enacted. If they're bad law, they're bad law, and they're not made any better by the fact that we have called them temporary. So...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...with some regret I still think we need (recorder malfunction) the bill. But I would hope that the committee will look toward a permanent solution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, Senator Schmit, many of your points are well taken. I believe it's time to move on with this issue. One of the standards of our society has been the fact that we can have justice. And I think this is one of the points that we ought to face here as we face the backlog that the Supreme Court is facing. I really don't think it serves any purpose to be name calling or calling about what's been going on, but let's move on. These people are not here to defend themselves. It's one of the things I feel kind of bad about. I really don't think that serves any purpose at all. I think that we would be better served to try to find justice that is appropriate for all. One of the things that causes disrespect for our laws, I believe, is the fact that we're not able to prosecute or to at least take care of justice as it properly should be. And backlogging the court system has contributed to that. I also think that castigating our people involved in the court system unnecessarily also serves to lower the respect for our laws and probably is causing some of the problems we're facing in society today. So I think it's appropriate that we move on and attempt to do something, even if it is only temporary. Doing nothing amounts to a decision, too, and that's what perhaps we are doing in many areas of our society is doing nothing. I think moving on and worrying about whether it's exactly perfect is something that we should perhaps consider, but I think we ought to be moving on, doing something positive, if we have to correct it, if we have to make it permanent in time, let's do it, but let's take care of the