

constitutional rights of the citizens are being mangled, murdered, Senator Kristensen, murdered. This is not even an execution. But in a sense it's good and appropriate that it occurs this session of the Legislature, because this legislation is occurring during the year of politics. And the year of politics is that time when people are seeking political office. They come among the people like locusts, making false promises, portraying themselves as upholders and protectors of the rights of the people. And the people have been made cynical because they know those promises are made every year of politics and are violated as soon as the elections are over. And they know that when the next year politics comes they will hear similar representations, which in fact are misrepresentations. The people suffer when another agency of government or a powerful economic, political or social interest desires to have a special area carved out for themselves in order that they may occupy a privileged status. I expect to hear old Senator Haberman at some point speak in behalf of the farmer paying more taxes than he or she can bear. I expect to hear Senator Morrissey, and he can do it with justification, harking us back to Shea's Rebellion, where veterans from the Civil War, well, the American Revolution had to march because they felt the tax burden was so great and so unfair that they would lose their farms. I expect to hear all of those things. And I will probably participate in the discussion so that I can call attention once again to how this Legislature behaved when the Legislature had the opportunity, not to bestow a new or additional right on the public, but simply to retain that which has been a right under the Constitution of this state for so many years. And the Legislature said no. And I think that is regrettable. The public may never come to an understanding fully of what has happened to them. The legislators do understand.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what the Legislature is doing here, I think, is not a moral act, it is not a just act. I think it is an act of which the Legislature should be ashamed. This is the period in history when more and more civil liberties are being infringed upon by the government, abridged by the government, and crassly ignored and violated by the agents of the government. The Legislature should be in the business, if it's going to take some positions, of doing things to ensure the rights of the citizens at least in the State of Nebraska. But that is not to be done. The Legislature will move willy-nilly