

for the purpose of the record, and some of us, such as myself, to distance myself from this nonsense. Now the courts have said that when you create a classification, that classification must include all members or individuals that would fit within it, and once that classification is created and you exempt out others, and the court has used language like this, it is clear you have not enacted a general statute but a special law. There are so many holes and gaps in it, so many singling outs of individual interests that are not to be included that a law such as that cannot stand. But, remember, and I said it the first day we came here, the purpose of these bills is not to solve the personal property tax question. The purpose of these bills is to get something on the law books that will go into court and it will take enough time to process these bills through court to allow the 1990 elections to have occurred. The Governor and her henchpersons, whoever decide that they will run, will then be home free because the problem that we have in personal property taxes will be postponed. And by postponing these problems, if they are bad now, they will be aggravated by that additional time. Remember, the cardinal principle of medicine is first do no harm. It would be better for us to do nothing than to engage in the charade that is involved in these bills. I will tell you something that occurs to me. I have thought about this a great deal and the way the system is being manipulated and disrespected by the Governor and by certain members of this body who have gone along with her and agreed to demean the Legislature in this fashion. We are not given the bills with enough lead time to digest them. Then when there are a multiplicity of amendments that will be offered by the Governor and her people, we are not given enough time to deal with those. So the only course open to this Legislature is to rubber-stamp what the Governor has sent down. Now, as a black person seeing a resurgence of racism of a kind that is far more open and virulent, attacks on students, the selling of racist T-shirts at the University of Nebraska and its justification by the students, creates or triggers that bitterness that lies not too far beneath the surface in any black person who thinks and lives in America. Had there been a tax system botched by black people in the way that Nebraska's tax system has been botched by the superior white people, I can imagine the stereotypical remarks that would be made about the ignorance of black people. This is why you cannot entrust them with a societal system, a taxation system, a monetary system, or a political system. Look how they have bungled it. Look at the preferences they have given, the favoritism. So then we get a black person as Governor who is