

don't do that with this amendment that Senator Warner has before us. I believe that for a number of reasons I don't think the issue of whether or not it would have any bearing whatsoever in terms of the court case, whether it is permanent. What is permanence? Permanence is whatever the Legislature determines permanence as from one session to another. It makes no difference whether you have a sunset provision on there or not, you know, in terms of whether or not you talk about permanence for the argument before the court. What the sunset provisions does is I think it allows us to get these cases before the courts, and through everyone's own admission that has been involved in this situation, this is not a permanent solution as we have all been told time and time again. As a matter of fact, it is, again a 50-50 shot in the dark that it will work. The change with regard to wiping out the sunset affects, I think, this piece of legislation dramatically because it will, in my opinion, allow for a number of things to happen, first and foremost being, what happens if the 4-R Act is changed at the federal level? I know Senator Scofield has worked extremely hard through the NCSL and other organizations to implement those changes and I do see that through the efforts of Senator Exon's Office in Washington that people are becoming more and more aware of the problems that are facing not just Nebraska, but potential problems that are facing their own states. What do we do in the case of the 4-R Act when that is possibly changed in the future? What do you have to do when you put the exemption into statute permanently, as Senator Warner stated? What you have to do is then fight the lobby out behind the glass to say, no, we are going to take that exemption away from you. How easy does that happen? Ladies and gentlemen, I would argue that that is the exact reason we are in the situation we are today, that is the exact reason that our personal property tax and other areas of tax in this state are in the situation they are today, is because we can't say no to the lobby; we can't wipe out the exemptions; we can't do even what Senator Schmit would like to do, and that is give the rest of the exemptions because you have got now, through the passage of LB 7, 80 percent of your base gone, and they are very good arguments irregardless of the 4-R Act. The 4-R Act, as far as I am concerned, only dealt with a couple of cases. What about all of the other cases that have dealt with our tax system and the discriminatory nature of it? I mean, we are not by any stretch of the means through LB 7 addressing...

PRESIDENT: One minute.