

binding judgment of the federal courts. You can't do it, ladies and gentlemen, the outcome is the same. You can't do it, but yet we need to be kicked in the head three, four, five and six times, now seven, under LB 7, before we understand that. It looks to me, with only 32 members, not enough for the E clause that enough of the members have said, look, the time has come to accept what the court has told us, to listen for once. That has been the problem. We haven't listened. The courts have said something to us, we have failed to listen. We need to listen. We need to follow through in the 1990 session and go about the process of putting together the personal property tax system if that's what this body wants, that works, not dismantling it in order to save something that the courts have said you can't do. I would urge you not to reconsider the Final Reading motion on LB 7 and let that be the statement that we make that we do understand exactly what the courts have told us. With that, Mr. President, I would give any remaining time to Senator Ashford.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: -How much time do I have, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BARRETT: A minute and a half.

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right. I have sat here and listened to the arguments on both sides of this issue and I have read, as I stated the other day, I have read the cases, I have tried to find a way that I could support LB 7. There simply is no way. LB 7, I would love to do it. I would love to support Senator Warner and I know he has gone to a lot of work and his staff has gone to a lot of work. It simply does not solve what the Supreme Court has clearly stated and that is we could divide our personal property into a million classes if we want to, but under the Enron case if we exempt personal property of any kind, no matter what class we put them in, we're going to have to...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...exempt other classes of personal property. This simply does not change the situation and we are, in effect, exempting \$12 million worth of railroad property and we're not going to get the right result. So we can...as Senator Hall has said, we can talk till we're blue in the face and LB 7 is not going to solve the problem. No one has answered that specific