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cannot take away from the importance of this that we're dealing with now. But I just want it made clear that we weigh issues and establish priorities. And although I'm the one who primarily have sponsored LB 327, which would abolish the death penalty, it is not really my issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't think anything that this Legislature will consider is as important as that. But I'm one person in this body, with one vote. I have not voted for or against 186. I hope that when time comes to vote for it on final passage it doesn't wind up with 39 votes, because I don't want to have to vote for it. I'm not sure that the Constitution ought to be amended in the last few days of the Legislature in such a drastic fashion, and that's what I told the Governor. But I know that we're faced with a serious, I started to say crisis, Senator Moore, but crisis and serious, if I put them together that would be a redundancy, which I don't want to engage in.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Time for what?

SPEAKER BAACK: Time for you to quit. (Laughter.) Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in support of the advancement to E & R for engrossing of LR 186. And that's a very specific statement. The purpose of the constitutional amendment is to address the issue that deals with the whole problem that I think the Lindsay amendment laid out to a certain extent, and that I supported. I have no problem saying that it takes three-fifth majority vote to grant an exemption. All you have to do, again, is go back over the last couple of weeks, as we've debated the personal property tax issue, and remind yourselves of the difficulty that we had coming to grips with those issues. I am a member of a committee that's going to look at the tax code in this state over the summer. And there were nights when I drove home thinking about that group of individuals that are going to sit there and take a look at the tax code and conceptually put together a good progressive tax plan for the State of Nebraska, and propose legislation to do just that. And there were nights I drove home, after dealing with personal property tax issues and