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(MACHINE MALFUNCTION - SOME DEBATE LOST)

SENATOR LYNCH: ...you failed the system today. I can't support a lawsuit that I'm involved with saying that everybody should be treated fairly and at the same time support a constitutional amendment which, in fact, takes the right away from people at some future date to have that equity by taking away a very important clause in the Constitution which mandates, as the courts have obviously shown us, that we have to be fair. Isn't that interesting? We're going to put before a vote of the people a constitutional amendment that's going to say to them, now look, folks, trust us, we'll be fair, just vote for this constitutional amendment because you've got an immediate problem, we're going to lose a billion two hundred thousand dollars to support local governments. I'm not quite sure how we handle it but at this point in time I think we'd almost be better off if we had a crisis. If our lawsuit is successful and we can't vote on anything until '92 and you don't get 40 votes, it might force us to do something in a meaningful way and probably with a lot more integrity than the way we're approaching this now. I don't want to suggest that anybody that supports this lacks integrity but I think what we're doing is being convenient politically, trying to make it possible for us to maintain a status quo that we created that obviously caused the problem. That's unfair and inequitable. Not too long ago we said, well, you know, railroad property isn't real property, it's personal property and the court said, you can't play games with adjectives, and threw that out. Just recently we had it happen to us again and I was one of the many people from the city that voted for, last November, Amendment 1, or whatever it was, that gave the authority to the Legislature to value farmland in a different way. But the way I see things going now, if the people in my district thought in the process of doing that they would have to make up the difference...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...on their own home and property, in my district I don't think they would have supported it either. I don't know, given the fact that the possibility exists out there, the resources that the special interests have...and I hate to use that word because they're not all at fault either, they protect their interests but they have the resources to do it and