

entities that are to blame are not people like myself that are attempting to represent people out there that don't have a voice, they're the interests that have gotten the exemptions that we have granted over the years and the Legislatures that have granted those exemptions. Myself, Senator Lynch, Senator Lindsay, Senator Chizek, we're not the ones that caused this problem. We're simply the ones that said somebody has got to speak for the people that are...that are taking it every time these exemptions are granted, that our increased tax burdens are shifted to. And by introducing LB 829 that would put all property back on the tax rolls, by filing the lawsuit, that no way is causing the problem that we're talking about now. The problem that we're talking about now is something that's existed, that has been recognized by our Supreme Court as a constitutional problem and that we're simply saying if benefits of this are going to accrue to entities that have been able to get exemptions through legislation or through the courts, then someone ought to stand up and speak up for the people out there that are not able to pursue either of those avenues because they don't hire lobbyists and they can't afford to file lawsuits. That's the reason that we're here talking about this problem today. It's not any games that have been played with the courts. It's not any games that have been played legislatively by us. We're simply here saying it's time that all the marbles were on the table. It's time that we talked about people that own residential property. It's time that we talked about people that own property that does not produce income because, in the end, they are the ones that we're asking to shoulder the burden. And I will probably, well, I will definitely vote against this motion and I will probably vote for LR 186 in the end but my one regret about that is that if in so doing we are legitimizing a system that I view as unfair right now, that's my regret about asking the voters of the state to do that. And I think that when 186, in whatever form it's finally passed by this body, is before the voters, we owe it to them to explain to them exactly what they're doing, exactly what they're voting on. And they may not want to adopt that. They may want a system that says we value all property uniformly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: There's no one else wishing to speak on the issue so we'll recognize Senator Chambers for closing.