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over the weekend and I, like most of you, I'm sure, got a number of calls. There is a great sentiment, at least in the rural constituency of this state, that this Legislature...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...is rescinding a promise that they made to the constituents of this state and I guess I will cover that in my next opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I will now recognize Senator Moore, followed by Senators Haberman, Elmer, Peterson, Withem, Hefner, Morrissey, Warner and Robak. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, after a weekend we're back to work here on Monday morning and there's still several people excused and so eventually we'll get into the heat of the debate and eventually get some people here to make some votes. I think Senator Johnson is absolutely correct that sometime this week, sometime soon this week, I don't think it's going to be today but, hopefully, tomorrow or the next day this body is going to vote on whether to advance LB 1120 and there simply is...at that point in time, the burden is going to be on to get 25 votes to move the bill and that is...that is where the battle is going to be fought. I guess I may disagree slightly with Senator Johnson, regardless of what happens on the funding side of things, for a variety of reasons, people may vote differently on one funding amendment than the other, but, regardless, if you're of the opinion that exempting personal property tax is the proper and prudent tax policy course for the State of Nebraska to take, when we vote to move to advance the bill that is when that battle is going to be fought because once that...if we, those of us, Senator Hall, Senator Johnson and many others, on the floor are of the opinion that is the direction we want to go, that is when that real...if that...once we fail at that, that is when the other side can truly say that we have lost, not before that. I think there was much ado about nothing over the sales tax on services amendment last week. There was much ado on the funding side of things on Friday made by the supporters of the 3-R plan that they were chipping away at the support. Whatever happens here this morning, whether these amendments are adopted or not, I think everyone in this body, as well as in the State of Nebraska, has to wait and see what happens on the actual policy choice and that policy choice