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but they're living with it now. But if the Governor's plan should pass and the court declare it unconstitutional, the railroads challenge it, or the amendment fail, everything goes back on and my implement dealer in Tecumseh will be stuck with an \$80,000 personal property tax bill. And what is the result of that? The result of that is closing the door, locking the business and going home. We should expand the base, not narrow it. We should look to the future, be proactive, build two separate tax bills here,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...run them through General File and see who...see who wins the race around the track on Select.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Warner, followed by Senators Robak, Rod Johnson, Will, Rogers, Ashford, Hall, Haberman and Moore. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rather suspect that little that is said here on the floor this morning is going to have much impact on anybody's votes in this body, but I suspect it's going to have a major impact if you believe...if you believe a constitutional amendment is necessary to get out of the issue. I'm sure there are those who believe that it's not the case and, obviously, some of you have stated that. I don't know how you get around the stipulation that the Attorney General has made in some of the lawsuits pending where they stipulate and agree that real and personal property are a single class and certainly that applies then the uniformity clause to both equally and how one can be exempt and not the other seems to me to be very optimistic. I understand the Attorney General is going to have an opinion and I don't know what his opinion will say, but, obviously, he's not going to take the position that undercuts the lawsuit that he has before the court. But that doesn't mean that the court will rule that way and I rather suspect after July that will not be the case. The real issue with me is, in fact, the approval of the constitutional amendment because I am convinced that failure to do so will mean that the personal property that went on the tax rolls January 1 of this year will stay there, all of it, by a decree of the courts. And if we fail to put a constitutional amendment on in May, which is likely, then we're going to be in the position of maybe trying to put one on in November or maybe through special session after the court has come down. And the