

Attorney General's office has spent in the litigation that has occurred in the 4-R Act, LB 7...LB 1 of the Special Session, the cost that we can anticipate for LB 829, which has two or three lawsuits, because obviously that would give us a clue, and those are monies already appropriated. And I'm sure as Chairman of Appropriations you would not want to put money on top of money that they already have appropriated and have been using on an ongoing basis for lawsuits relative to the property tax issue. So could you give us an idea what the Attorney General's office has spent?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I do not know the answer to that, but I do know we've lost all those cases.

SENATOR WARNER: You do know what?

SENATOR MOORE: I do not know the answer to that, Senator Warner. But I think the ones you listed, we pretty well lost them all.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, yes, that's right, that's why we're here, Senator Moore, on this issue is because we lost. I couldn't agree...I couldn't agree more with that. But, you know, I understand if we're not dealing with this issue as a technical appropriation, as a talk item. Let me say this, anything we do, I've said this in several speeches, the goal of this whole project is to give some stability to tax policy as far as the courts are concerned for the State of Nebraska. And anything we do, in the way of a constitutional amendment, or implementing legislation, there isn't any question in my mind but what there will be a series of court cases, because the stability to the system will never occur, will not exist until such time that the courts have accepted the constitutionality of what this body does and what the people of this state do in the event there is a constitutional amendment. And even that doesn't assure. As the Supreme Court said, in 1974, that what was done in 1972 was okay, and most of us thought that that was the law of the land, approved by the Supreme Court, until in the last few months, the last few years, and certainly since July when they specifically reversed the decision that was the opinion of the court in 1974. The point is that, yes, there will be, no doubt, costs for litigation to go through the courts of this state...