

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...more than your time up, but, yeah, I do have a thought on that.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, what is that thought?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, my thought is the 775 exemptions are performance based exemptions.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So there's a reason, there's a rational reason for making those exemptions?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You will find that that's...even under our present Constitution I think those are rational reasonable classifications.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, assuming that to be the...I'm going to listen to more of the debate, but assuming that to be the case, and I think that there is a good legal argument that would say that the 775 exemptions can be...can be interpreted as being constitutional under our Constitution as it now exists, and I would agree that. I'm still waiting to hear...and, Senator Warner, maybe I wasn't listening carefully enough, probably wasn't, but I'm waiting to hear why the Hall amendment is not appropriate. I just...I don't know the cases we're talking about. I'm not sure what cases we're talking about. I...I just...it's starting to get troublesome to me. I just...I just don't know, I mean, before we start abandoning this language...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...I just would like to be really convinced because I think this is beginning to get awfully important and critical and I just don't understand at this point.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Lynch, you're next.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I heard a couple of things. I think I got in on most of the conversation and even though I was gone I was watching as much as I could. I think we should clarify the fact that the uniformity clause in the Constitution didn't cause us any problems. I think we caused it problems. We violated it. And I think we deserve then to be concerned about that and we should not try to work language that would preclude the obligation we have as it regards to the