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SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...sit here and say that this whole process allows those of us in agriculture, those of us as state senators, those of us interested in business in Nebraska allows us to make, live to fight another day on personal property tax exemptions, just unfortunately is not true as evidenced very clearly by Senator Lindsay's statement and his intention of bringing that back on Select File.

SPEAKER BAACK: thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Warner, you're next.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, to those who are addressing the issue of concern of whether or not exemptions can take place in the future, and I can only address the proposed legislation as it now exists. And, Senator Schmit, you were asking me if you look both in Article VIII, Section 1 and 2, both the old language together with the new language, that option is there clearly. Senator Moore, if you're arguing that the fight is over, the fight was over January 1 of 1992, Senator Moore. If it's the intent of those who want to treat personal property differently, if that's what you want, and believe me, if you don't think that you're going to have a severe economic impact on this state without changing the Constitution, then you're not living in the real world. If you don't think jobs will go because businesses can move across the river or across the border and operate more cheaply, you're not living in the real world. But you have to have a constitutional amendment though that is not going to shift \$100 million for business tax to the average citizen which is the option that some use or shift it to the balance of real property, then you should vote no on the amendment because that's what you'll have. You'll get that. That's not what most of you want. If you fail to act now, fail to repeal in effect the provisions in the current Constitution based on previous court decisions, and put in the provisions of 219, you're right, Senator Moore, the fight is over if you fail to do that. I've kind of gotten to the point, last October I made up my mind that there was nothing more important that I should do for the economy of the state than get this issue into the Constitution in a way that the economy can survive and I knew in that process I was going to accept some things I wouldn't like. There is