

know doesn't hurt you. It has reached the point now where we know what hurts us. It hurts us very, very much to continue to be taxed, and taxed, and taxed when you can't afford to pay it. There are those here who advocate the reinstatement of this tax with impunity. Why? Because there are very few of their constituents who pay it, yes, because they do not know the nature of the tax when it existed, but, most of all, because they do not understand that it is a poor tax system. I am amazed that we have been able to resurrect from the dead a system that ought to have been put out to pasture permanently by this Legislature without hesitation. I suggest that it may still happen. It may happen if those individuals who know the history of the system are willing to stand and oppose it. If you stand up here and say, well, I'll take the best deal I can get, I don't know why the urban legislators give us anything. Why not just put it all on agriculture? Why not just do it with impunity, do it eagerly and joyously, if you're going to do it that way. Why do it...why even go through the charade of trying to be...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...somewhat fair? Equity and fairness have long since gone by the board. We've watched a system develop on this floor which disregards the rights of certain individuals and overrides those individuals with relish. Ladies and gentlemen, before you vote on this bill, on this amendment to the bill, think several times about where the revenue will be coming before...if, in fact, you adopt any kind of personal property tax exemption. If you do not vote for this amendment, ladies and gentlemen, then you are saying, in effect, we're throwing in the towel, we're giving up, we are going to surrender without a fight. Ladies and gentlemen, there is no dishonor in losing...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...a fight, the dishonor is in not being willing to fight for your convictions. I ask you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We'll now vote on the Schmit amendment to LB 1063. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Schmit amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.