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do not, by not acting, find ourselves in a more difficult position a month from now, six months from now, a year from now than we already are. Our inaction, our failure to act, our failure to accept responsibility is...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...going to put us in this position. Now there are those who have sincere differences of opinion and I respect that. There are those who say tax the personal property, collect the money, spend it. Tell them to go to blazes when it comes time to try to recollect it or to refund it. I respect that point of view. There are those of us in politics who after a while become hardened towards the taxpayer and maybe that's what has to happen. I hope I never become that way. I have no excuse when I talk to those taxpayers who have been forced to make this payment and tell them why they have to do it. I will have less excuse if and when we proceed with the balance of this session and we find that they did not need to pay it, that some counties did not collect it while others did. A lot of fuss is made here about whether the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...real estate taxes will go up a dollar or two. This is an injustice. It ought to be corrected. I ask you to support this 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 on the Schmit amendment? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like a call of the house, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chambers and record their presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in. The house is under call.