

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 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 and we will have a roll call vote on the motion to adjourn. We're looking for Senator Landis, Senator Wickersham and Senator Kristensen. We will proceed with the roll call vote on the motion to adjourn.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1241 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 29 nays on adjournment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. I will raise the call and the speaking order now is Senator Schmit, Moore, Crosby, Dierks, Hefner, Hall, Schellpeper and Morrissey. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm pleased to know that we have 42 persons at least here on the floor for a short period of time. It's rather amazing, of course, that when we discuss major tax policy that the members of this body seem to have a tendency to drift off the floor. What we are doing here today, ladies and gentlemen, is to craft a tax policy of the state for the next 25, 30 or 50 years and there are people here who are willing to allow someone else to guide them, to lead them, to take them by the hand and lead them through the cinders, I guess, hot cinders, and take their word for things. Senators Hall and Moore have put together an amendment which, if anyone is really serious about a really good program for the State of Nebraska, ought to be considered seriously and debated at length. It is a major amendment but so is LB 1063. I support the amendment and there are many parts of it I do not like, but I'll be very frank, I like the A portion of it best of all. And, as has been pointed out to Senators Hall and others many times on this floor, if some legislators who have argued for some of these various proposals for years without success are unwilling to accept this amendment at this time because it includes the total exemption of all personal property taxes, then it would seem to me that they are concerned not about a fair tax program, not about a tax program that can stand up under scrutiny of the court, but a tax program that can stand up under scrutiny of the public. I would expect that this