

railroad's taxes will be challenged. The tax on other centrally assessed will be challenged. This bill will be in the courts before we get back...before I get back to Bellwood the day after it becomes law. And I have no doubt but that the railroads will prevail. One of the greatest fallacies of all, and I've talked on it before and I'm going to mention it again, is that under this proposal we're going to get something out of the railroads. So we get ten bucks out of the railroads and it costs us a hundred. Not a very fair deal. Not a very fair deal. Besides, I don't think you're going to get the railroads. They have got billions of dollars to fight this sort of thing because they know that they've let it exist in one state that are whipped all the way across the board. Those of us who oppose the bill would have been well advised to learn from the railroads. Kindness is never considered to be anything but weakness. Compromise...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...is treated with contempt. Ladies and gentlemen, as I said before, there's no disgrace in opposing a bill and losing. The disgrace is to lose, to give up, to surrender without a fair fight. And, ladies and gentlemen, I think that we ought to recognize that we are surrendering a tax program which was fair, which had some problems but which were correctable for one which is unfair, which will be in court, which will be costly to administer. And I will talk about that at a future time. Thank you very much. I ask you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We will now vote on the Schmit amendment to LB 1063. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Schmit. We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chamber and record their presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in. The house is under call. While we're waiting for the senators to return to the Chamber, I would like to call your attention to the south balcony. Special guest today of Senator Emil Beyer are 40 fourth graders from Valley Elementary in Valley, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you