

really don't have a clear vision of how it will work or if it can work. An amendment was offered, I believe, the first time on the CA that if the...should the CA fail, the concepts of LB 829 would go into place. Very reasonable amendment. It was opposed because if you adopt that amendment, people won't be inclined to vote for the constitutional amendment. So the only way you can force your constituents to vote for a bad amendment is to hold a 20-ton weight over their head and say, you vote for it or else. Now, if that's the best we can do, we're in sad shape. If the CA can't hold it's own with an amendment on it like was offered earlier that should it fail we go to the concepts of LB 829, then the amendment doesn't have much steam with the public, and I don't think it does, and I'm very concerned about that. Now, should you want to discuss with me whether I'll vote with the con...for the constitutional amendment or not, you better make it very clear to me that should the amendment pass with 40 votes and come before the body in May and fail, you have a very good system in place to take charge from there. And, as of now, I don't think that system is in place and I don't think anyone can clearly explain it on this floor or explain a very clear, uncomplicated system that's constitutional taking place, they can't explain it in the lobby. Now should it fail in this body and then go before the public and fail in November, we're in real big trouble, real big trouble. Now if you can't see that and if you can't agree that that is a big, big problem with what we're discussing right now, you've got your blinders on too tight, you're locked into your position and you'll never, never change. Senator Schmit offered a very valid amendment yesterday on refunding the money to those unfortunate few that have paid accelerated taxes on sales and it got beat because nobody knew what it was because no one was listening. You're going to have very few people that paid large sums of money on accelerated personal property taxes on sales and the people that had to pay it, as Senator Schmit pointed out, were those that had nothing else to go back on. Assessors and county attorneys could allow someone who had other property to go...to look for...look to for the taxes, didn't necessarily have to pay for it, but those that were selling everything they had had to pay the accelerated taxes. And you say that's fine, even if we change the law, those few poor souls will have to pay that tax and that's just okay. Now Senator Schmit offered that amendment because everyone was locked into place, not listening to any, any changes...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.