

helicopter at 60 miles an hour four feet off the ground, or an airplane at 90 miles an hour, and you lose your proficiency, you don't have to worry about taking an examination to find out if you are any good or not. It is kind of a self-elimination clause in the situation that wipes you out, and I have seen that happen too many times. The same thing happens in politics. The same thing happens in business. Frequently, there are situations that you can't avoid in business or in politics, but to the extent that you can avoid it, you ought to avoid it. We are not avoiding the obvious errors of the past by passing 1063. The bill is not the answer to the personal property tax crisis in this state. It may be the answer to some individuals. It may be the answer to those who get home free. It may be the answer to the businessmen if the provision that says you can't...inventory shall be exempt, that stays in the Constitution. Kind of a unique addition to the Constitution, don't you think? But most of all, I want to emphasize again is the fact that we are doing it backwards. We are passing a bill to solve the property taxes, and then we are going to tailor a constitutional amendment to the bill. Now, in my estimation, that is backwards. Those of you who know more about it than I do can argue with me, but the Constitution normally lays down the parameters and statutes fit within those parameters. We do not, we have not, and we should not draft the bill and then build the parameters of the Constitution around the bill. I have visited with people across the state who have never read the Constitution, but who are extremely alarmed that we are so casual with it, that we should not be that way. We should not casually amend the Constitution, and we should not casually enact tax legislation. I am deadly serious about what we are doing, and I have hoped over the due course of the last 24 hours that some of you would take another look at this bill. Ask yourself how you will defend it when it all falls apart?

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What is even worse, as how you are going to defend it if it survives the challenges which we know will be leveled against it. I would suggest, I would suggest that right now some of these members with whom I have visited are showing signs to me that they secretly hope the bill fails, and that the amendment fails, because if it succeeds, they must bear the responsibility and they are not going to like it. I ask you to