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SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to not having it answered by an attorney, I guess. I should ask you all of my questions and I will in the future perhaps. I appreciate the frankness because that is what it is all about, you see, and there are those who believe now that if 219CA passes that all classes of property now exempt are going to be safe from future taxation, and I think it is pretty evident that this is not true. And those who say, well, we are buying peace in our time, sort of a Clement Attlee speech, ought to remember what happened to Clement Attlee, and ought to remember what happened to the fertilizer agreement that lasted for 24 hours because if the exemptions that stood for 15 years can be reversed, then the exemptions that exist in 219CA and in LB 1063, of course, are very, very vulnerable.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And I am concerned about that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call your attention to the area under the north balcony. Special guests today of Senator Schellpeper are his wife, Faye, his daughter-in-law, and the two grandsons, Kathy, Andrew, and Eric Schellpeper from Lincoln. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Landis. Senator Landis, you are next. Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, the issue is more and more complicated every day, and as we talk about it, the bottom line on this whole issue is with this constitutional amendment we will restrict the ability of the people of the State of Nebraska to participate, not only in the near future, but forever, in a fair and uniform tax system. And they are going to be smart enough to see through it, and I think we all should realize that irregardless of the obvious legal competence we have to develop language that makes it look like it might be fair and safe and uniform, the fact remains that the way it is written, it will preclude people in the future, individual citizens even, from being able to participate, and that is scary. What we, in simple language, are saying to the people of the State of Nebraska, trust us, we are going to take care of it, no problem. I don't know if that is something we can really, honestly expect them to do at this point in time. Most of the lobby has to do with protecting what now exists, or hoping that they can protect in the future what will happen. At