

have...I'm going to offer here in a little bit to see if that's acceptable to him and I think that if he looks at it closely, it will be. It will raise that standard of exemptions into the future. It doesn't make them impossible but it also doesn't allow them to be freely given at a whim, and that that standard has got to be one in there of a reasonable exemption that has some higher standard than just, well, it makes...it makes some sense to do it. You want a higher than some sense and that's what this court, the Nebraska Supreme Court, will be able to interpret and take that and say, what is those reasonable exemptions. And if you've been following the court in the past, you know that they have been very strict on those and, in fact, made some of those exemptions almost impossible at some times. But that's the reason you want to have...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...a standard. And I will talk on my amendment later. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I guess I have another question and I have an amendment up there which I will...which I intend to withdraw and I'm going to instead ask some questions relative to that amendment as of now, because it concerns me, and either Senator Lindsay or Kristensen can answer. But we have in this amendment, as it stands now, some language which causes me a lot of concern. It says, on the amendment adopted March 9, it says, notwithstanding Article I, Section 16; Article III, Section 18; Article VIII, Section 4, of this Constitution, or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, and then we proceed to say, taxes shall be levied, and so forth, how do you feel about the word "notwithstanding" in there? Are we...are we being somewhat arbitrary in that category? Senator Kristensen, would you answer that, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Schmit, I certainly share your feelings you had the other day with Senator Lindsay not being here, so I'll answer your question. And it goes to the notwithstanding why...can I paraphrase that, why is that word in there?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.