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experienced in the past several years? Third, I want to point out another real serious problem and that is that we always treat the symptoms instead of the disease. The symptom is that we need more money. The disease is the fact that we have spent far more money than we should have spent. In the last five years we have more than doubled the amount of money we have spent at the state level and local governments have been similarly inclined to spend money. In addition to that, bills which we have passed have required local subdivisions to spend tens of millions of dollars of additional money and have cost the citizens tens of millions of dollars because of unfortunate language. We have found ourselves entrapped in some of the same kind of nonsense. LB 922 that we voted on this morning, Senator Chambers' bill, has with it an A bill of approximately \$75,000. I do not see an A bill on LB 1063. I would like to have one of the supporters of 1063 and 219CA comment upon the cost of implementation of 1063. That is at the state level. I do not know how anyone would know what it will cost to implement that bill at the local level. I know that I have talked to my county officials and they are absolutely amazed that we would try to force upon them this kind of a document in the short period of time they have to implement it and expect them to do it without additional funds or to do it satisfactorily. Last, but most important, you refused yesterday to take the time to adopt the amendment to 1063 that would have provided for the reimbursement of personal property taxes that were overpaid because of the termination date of 829. You also refused to provide for the appeal process to be implemented. You also refused to provide to just simply...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...exempt the tax on farm machinery, but you've insisted upon making the farmer get his money back in the form of a refund. Why put people through the extra work? Why put your own government people through additional work? Why increase the cost of doing business as we do every day and every day and every day? Today if you sit down and tally up your total cost of taxes and other problems, you're lucky if you're below 60 percent. Some are as high as 70 percent. Do you want to continue to increase that? The Moore amendment will simplify the process. You will either have one or the other, but people will understand what they are voting on. I stand in support of the Moore amendment and urge you to support it also.