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Now the discussion on the 4-R has been in percentages. Since 75 percent of property was exempt and 25 percent...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...was holding the burden, 4-R kicked in. Now what are we doing with this? If we warp the LB Constitution, 1063 can stand to the state Constitution. Can it stand to the 4-R and federal legislation? What percentage of personal property is inventory? Will that kick 4-R in? I don't know. What's that number? What is that magic number, that magic percentage that kicks in 4-R? Is it 50 percent? Is it 60? I don't know, I don't know, but we're definitely playing that percentage game again with 1063 and we might be able to worm around the uniformity clause of the state Constitution, but I really don't think anybody can say this is getting us by 4-R. That's part of the problem, in my opinion. That's something that I didn't clearly understand a year ago...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...that I do now. Thus I'm questioning my votes of the past especially those of LB 1 and LB 7. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hall. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman and members, as we continue the debate relative to this amendment I believe that we know that the odds are against Senator Moore's amendment being adopted just because of the sheer weight of numbers that were behind 219CA in the original form and behind 1063. But one of the things that I learned, also years ago when I was sorting cattle was, if you're going to corner a steer when you're sorting cattle, always be sure he's got a way out other than to walk over you because if you don't and the steer becomes desperate enough he'll walk right over you. And after it happened a few times I always left the animal some other way out. I don't know if Senator Moore intended to tell you this or not, but I'm going to just touch upon it and if he wants to elaborate on it, he can. But we all know, and I was one of the persons on this floor who stood for years and refused to accept legislation that would have affected corporate farming interest in this state and I argued with conviction against it. My constituents were overwhelmingly in support of that, but notwithstanding the fact