

administration has promised you a property tax decrease. Instead of a property tax decrease, I believe that before November you will reap an increase, at least in some...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...urban areas of at least ten times what they talk about. Why? Because if the Revenue Department numbers are incorrect by even 10 percent, property taxes in Lincoln will go up \$100 on a \$50,000 house. I feel comfortable in putting my life and career on the line in saying they are off 10 percent, maybe even more. But this time I want someone held accountable. Governor Kay Orr was ultimately held accountable for her no-tax increase promise. President George Bush is finding that people believed him when he said, read my lips. Governor Ben Nelson has insisted on recreating the personal property tax system for Nebraska with all of its past and future problems and if Nebraskans approve this deception in May, if it all goes into effect as scheduled, then right on schedule, about October, this property tax increase should show up, that is unless deception is used again and somehow the figures are delayed until after the election.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We're not speaking generalities, ladies and gentlemen, I am speaking in actual numbers. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Before we continue with debate, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Nelson are honorary Nebraska citizens from Mexico. They are Susana Rios, Ampuro Salinas, Daria deLeon, Leslie Velez and Elisa Lopez. They came representing Mexico at the Groundwater Festival in Grand Island, and they are accompanied by their host, Bob Eversoll from Grand Island. Welcome to the Chamber and welcome to Nebraska. Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I rise to oppose the motion to suspend the rules. I understand and commend the Speaker why he has to do this, and I think he's done a fine job of keeping this debate moving along even with some unruly characters involved on the other side. I still feel that last week when we failed to suspend the rules and vote on Senator