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know they will go to the polls in November and we know that a small minority will go to the polls in May, why are we afraid to let the people vote on it in November? We weren't afraid last year to exempt all personal property in 829. We knew that there were potential problems with that. But I don't believe that that bill will be declared unconstitutional for purposes of exemption. My opinion is that is not a problem and that we are allowed to do that in our Constitution. We're specifically allowed to do that in our Constitution. It is spelled out. And it clearly is an issue of why not let the people vote. Why not let the majority of people who are...who traditionally vote and will vote in the November election vote on this issue? If that's not the case, then why else would we be here...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...with the reconsideration motion?

PRESIDENT MOU: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature, imagine two people out in the middle of a deep lake and neither one of them can swim. They both have shotguns in this little wooden boat. And one of them says to the other one, if you don't do what I want, I'm going to blow a hole in the bottom of this rowboat and drown us both. And the other one says, no, no, no, no, if you don't do what I want, I'll blow a hole in the bottom of the rowboat and I'll drown both of us. That's the debate that we've been having now for about six, eight months. Which one of us is going to be first to pull the trigger to see to it that we all drown? And we rush to judgment and try to get into a position to a brinkmanship game, threaten the other with the impending doom, the worst. Now, what we've done is we've passed LB 1063 and we've seen to it that there will be a vote of the people. At this point, the brinkmanship really is over with respect to what it used to be used for. Put provisions in the bill that we want, change the provisions of LB 1063, go with LB 1120, all of those things we were attempting to secure some kind of game for our side. We have nothing left to gain. Now the only thing that we are apportioning is loss. Now we are pushing up the costs and that's all, because there's nothing left to gain. LB 1063 is passed, there will be a vote of the people. Now the question is, do we create a difficulty with the passage...let's say the amendment fails to pass in November. Levy dates are late, we will not be able to have a