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sensible, thought-out tax policy, 829 has come to an end, what did we do for taxes in 1992, in that case? What is our tax base? And how will our schools and our counties survive? That's certainly unclear. If we say, yes, in November, what is the situation that we've done for taxes for the period up till that point? What we are now doing is simply making sure that there is a loss and that's all, because we have nothing left to gain since the constitutional amendment will be before the people. And I would suggest to you that that really is a not very good game to get into, that rather than apportioning loss, the strategies come to an end for its ability to secure a game from your side. All you're now doing is pushing off onto the people of this state risk, uncertainty, interest payments on warrants that may be issued by local political subdivisions, uncertainty on a tax base, lack of clarity for economic development purposes, all that we now do is simply add risk, uncertainty and loss by leaving the voting date in November rather than moving it to May. No one gains anything. The state winds up losing or risking. And that really isn't a game we ought to be playing. It made sense up till now as you were trying to fight strategically for the goal that you wanted, but now the rules are set and I suggest that we reconsider, acknowledge what's there, and take the issue to the people rather than taking the issue to the people later and making sure that there's heavy costs, risks and uncertainty for this state for a longer period of time, because that's the only difference that we have left to consider in the body. I urge you to reconsider.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Guests today of Senator Lynch are 18 seventh and eighth graders from Blessed Sacrament in Omaha and their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 360 and LB 360A to Select File with Enrollment and Review amendments attached. (See page 1319 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, I have a priority motion. Senator Withem would move to recess until 1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to recess until one-thirty. We've had a request for a machine vote. All those