

therefore unreasonable people rule the world. I think the people that stood their ground, voted against the CA last June and July, they are the people that had their way. I cannot do that anymore to the state and this body, the bleeding has been long enough. I've ruined last summer. I'm not going to ruin another summer talking about taxes, only maybe the voters will see through this thinly, thinly veiled constitutional amendment for what it really is, it's bad tax policy, the wrong thing to do. But if that's what it takes to try and put it before the voters in May, I'm going to vote to do it. I don't feel like a statesman, I feel very, very dirty, as Senator Schmit thinks I probably would, I felt like a statesman before. And the World Herald and other people on the floor can say, the statesman is going to vote to do this, the statesman, I think, is the guy that voted no....

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...the guy that lives in the real world is the one that's going to vote to reconsider and vote this thing on the ballot.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman and members, first of all the Department of Social Services has a name for it, they call it the battered wife syndrome. Here on the floor we call it the battered farmer, battered rural legislator syndrome. In the battered wife syndrome the husband who beats his wife convinces her that she's the fault of it, it's because she's bad, she doesn't cook properly, doesn't dress properly, doesn't keep the kids dressed properly, that's why she deserves the beating. My urban friends have convinced my rural colleagues that we're the fault of it all, we're the bad guys, we're the ones that ought to be thanking you folks for this glorious opportunity of contracting AIDS in the personal tax area. That's what you're done and that's what you're going to do. I want to say this, I have...pardon me. Senator Rogers, you want a little time? Why don't you speak. He wanted a little time, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President, members, this was no doubt the most interesting noon hour, I think, I've ever had since I've become a senator. I go out to lunch and I come back and there