

that if you don't change the Constitution, given the present rulings of the court, particularly if you abide Senator Hall's argument that the 14th amendment is an ironclad one you can't get around, then the 3-R Committee is wasting our time, then we can't do anything. And, Senator Hall, what I have always proposed is you need the constitutional amendment to make the 3-R Committee worth my time. If you don't change at least our state Constitution and do what we can on the state level, the 3-R Committee, we can spin our wheels and the only thing we can really debate is what Senator Schmit talked about, how to recoup exempting all personal property. That's the only choice you're going to have left. Otherwise, you just roll over for the court and put all personal...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...property tax back on. And it doesn't take any great hours of studying by the 3-R Committee to understand that's not necessarily the best policy, tax policy of the State of Nebraska and it's going to offend a whole lot of people. Well, I know Senator Ashford and Senator Beutler and others have said that's what we ultimately want to get is a reasonable tax policy. And that may be the case but saying that under the guise of returning some fairness to the tax system by placing farm machinery coupled with business machinery, that makes some sense but don't do it under the guise of protecting the homeowners, you don't do anything for them. If you're going to protect the homeowners, let's start talking about LR 8 which, you know, would almost cut the homeowner's taxes in half. If you're wanting to do something for the homeowners, I suggest that you quit talking about it and calling a cat and cat and saying, we don't like the unfair exemption farm machinery has, we're going to remove that. There's perfect sense in that. I can...though I may disagree with that...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...I can respect that point of view. But doing it under the guise of protecting the homeowner, I can't respect. With that, I oppose the amendment and though I will anxiously wait to see how people vote because those who support this...those who support this, obviously,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.