

the homestead exemption, I didn't know I was to file for it or so on. I honestly...I did support the reconsideration of LR 6 or LB 6, but I'm really not comfortable with that. But I think that we need more time. We need some decisions. We're just out guessing. One is saying it's constitutional, one is saying it's not constitutional. I, for one, am not at least bit comfortable in going back and saying, well, we're going to put the property tax back on, we went through it as fast as we could. And I know the people at home are expecting us to come up with some solution. It's more complicated than what they think. I do support Senator Schmit, give us some time, and six more months will take us past one more session. Gives us more time to look at it, maybe we'll get some more court decisions. And I cannot see that it would hurt us in the least. And, with that, I do support Loran and his amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, I, too, signed onto this with Senator Schmit. And the basic reason is what I've been hearing, is the idea of buying some time. I understand there is difference of opinion. In fact 100 different people will have literally 100 different answers as to the validity of 829 at this stage, and I assume that somebody will speak to that. But it would seem to me that that would be an ideal way, if we could do this legally and constitutionally at this point, to simply buy some time to look at the various answers and act accordingly, seems very, very logical to me. Now I'm not a lawyer, and I guess some of you with those...that are attorneys will speak to this issue, as to where we're at with 829. But, as I said, many of those that you talk to have many different opinions on its validity. I am therefore stumped as to where we might go from here. But I would be interested in the other side of this coin just simply for that reason, because otherwise I think this is a very logical solution to what we need to do, and that's to put...continue with the idea that we had in May, buy some time to analyze and study and understand what we're really doing. As Senator Carson Rogers said, use the 3-R Committee to come up with something, and move forward. But I admit I am not clear as to what it does in light of the Supreme Court decision, and I would be interested in remarks on that. Thank you.

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