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that you're wrong I think we've sent a...done a big disservice to the taxpayers of the State of Nebraska by selling them a bill of goods.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Seeing no one else wishing to debate this issue, I'll recognize Senator Schmit for closing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well Senator Moore and I seem to have elevated the quality of debate to a dialogue between the two of us, and I welcome that. My concern, of course, Senator Moore, is that you didn't read the entire opinion. The opinion in no way referred to any exemptions allowed by this Legislature in 1991. They referred to the exemptions prior to 1990. Now had they been inclined to say 829 was unconstitutional, they would have said so. The question was raised, but that did not keep them from talking about a whole variety of other issues. And so, secondly, to say, well, Schmit, you're putting yourself in a good position to say, well, I voted against it and therefore it went on because of somebody else. Senator Moore, you know that on this floor, time after time, I have not been afraid to be the only vote, if I think that my conviction, my position is correct. Number two, some of the people back in my district and your district are saying, listen, we don't care how you voted, you've been there 22 and a half or three years, you ought to be able to convince Scotty how to vote. Now I've said many times, from time to time, he does. He followed me on 773, much to his happiness, didn't do so on some others bill, much to his chagrin. And I understand he's very fast on his feet, and I know Scotty will be able to cover himself when the proper time comes, and the Seward County Independent will say, Senator Moore strikes a blow for farmers, but in reality, Scotty, you'll have to be talking to the Lions Club and the Rotary Club and saying, well now it wasn't really that way exactly, and this is why...But that's politics, and we all understand that. Ladies and gentlemen, let me say this, what we are doing here today is not...is not a casual item. I feel sincerely, and I know you do, that if you go the route of LB 6 that you are embarking upon a course of action which is going to severely penalize a small minority of individual taxpayers who are least able to pay. You talk about lawyers, there will be a lot of money made, if LB 6 passes and LR 1 passes, by the lobbying groups. You're not going to find the 200 or 300 acre farmer in Seward County or Butler County coming down here to lobby, they won't do it. What will happen is that we will have reversed the course of action