

do. That opinion was written in English. It was bunglesome English and you might have to study it to see what they were saying. But there seems to be a general consensus that a so-called big four was dealt with. And we should not allow our reaction to that big four to convert us into big fools. There is no way anybody on this legislative floor can convince his or her constituents that he or she is so dumb that there is an inability to see that this property that has been exempted under 775 is not the same as the property which is not entitled to exemption. I would feel differently, I emphasize, if we were not talking about the rich and the powerful. Nebraska is not the only state with a Legislature that folds before the rich and the powerful. The U.S. Legislature, in the form of Congress, does the same thing but sometimes we ought to do that which is appropriate and in this instance this amendment that is being offered by Senator Baack and his cohorts is not the thing to do. I don't see anything in it that constitutes good and sound tax policy. I see this as a political issue, pure and simple. The vote is going to determine how powerful Mike Harper still is in this Legislature. The vote is not going to be decided on the basis of that Supreme Court decision nor on what would constitute sound policy pursuant to that decision. It is not fair, in my opinion, for the Legislature to say that because we know it will be so expensive for an ordinary citizen to challenge this exemption, therefore it can go along and benefit these big shots for a while longer, that's not justified.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's not appropriate. And for once the Legislature has a basis to give the back of the hand to the big shots. The Supreme Court has told us what it is we ought to do. Since we know what is right when it comes to everybody else, why do we suddenly not know what is right when it comes to Mike Harper? Now he does make some good frozen food dinners. I've even eaten a couple of them myself and they are good but they're not so good that they will make me go along with this amendment. I hope that we will vote it down. I will now sit down.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support this amendment. I feel that the Supreme Court did not address this part, they just addressed the big four and so I see no reason to take the provisions of LB 775 out. And this