

you collect it, we're a very high property tax state; not because of exemptions, but because of the spending side, because of the way we choose to spend money, and the way we choose to finance local government. Exemptions aren't what's killing the homeowners, not as much as the spending is. And many of the people who want to blame the exemptions for the problem are the very ones that drive it up by...on the spending side. As well as...you know, Senator Beutler talks about doing away with the exemptions, whereas yesterday he brought the amendment that guaranteed the big exemption...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...which would have helped his homeowners, would have made it impossible to get. And that's what is frustrating. I don't know. But we're back to the same point. If you...Senator Schimek summed it up just right, if you're willing to trust each other, we can move ahead with the constitutional amendment. Loran Schmit knows better than that, he thinks. We can move ahead with the constitutional amendment. We can do exactly what Senator...And, Senator Hall, I don't understand what exactly it is you want. You totally...by doing both of these things, you've totally focused the 3-R Committee, you're not just returning the status quo. You have the opportunity to...I'm hearing he's always said he wanted, is a total review of the tax system. But you're not doing it in a crisis, necessarily, you're doing it rationally, you're going to do it rationally. As opposed to doing nothing, how the court keeps coming out and beating us down, this gives us the opportunity to do it rationally, which I think all of us would like to do.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Lindsay, the sell out. Senator Lindsay, over to your microphone immediately. And while he goes, I want to make a point. When they first talked about this 30 vote thing, it was 30 votes to put an exemption in place, 25 to take it off. And Senator Warner pointed out practically every exemption that has gone through here has had way over 30 votes. What they have done is made it worse now than it was before,