

say about them what that fellow who said these are the time that try men's souls, Thomas Paine said about George Washington, the world would be hard-pressed to know if you're a man who lost all principle, or whether you ever had any. That's what Thomas Paine said about George Washington after he got to really know him. And at the time he said, these are the times that try men's souls, George Washington was being chased across the Jerseys by the British. As a matter of fact, the British didn't know what George Washington's face looked like until they saw the profile on the quarter, because he lost every major military encounter, and all they recognized was the flapping coattails and the heels and soles of George Washington as he ran from the British, and that's what I see happening now.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We have young members of the Legislature who have become fleeing George Washington's, and these are the times that try men and women's souls.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senator Heffner, Senator Lamb, Senator Ashford, Senator Morrissey, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Horgan, and Senator Schmit. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I suppose with every debate, particularly debates that involve major matters of policy, that that provides a forum, and that forum takes many different routes and many different roads, and provides many different opportunities to give speeches about a wide variety of things that are probably the real reason that we're here, and that's to debate the various problems of the day. But we have a very practical problem here. The Legislature is faced with solving a problem. Legislatures don't do a very good job of solving problems, because that's not their job. The job of a Legislature is to determine policy. We do very good when we determine policy. You may not like that policy, but we determine it and do a reasonably good job. But when we have to have a problem that we solve that makes everybody happy and we can walk out of here, it won't happen, because that's not what this body is all about. Senator Lamb is afraid that we can't get 30 votes for some exemptions. Senator Wesely is worried that 30 votes are too easy to get. Whose right? I think they probably both are. That's the reason it's important to have that 30 votes both ways. Quite frankly, I