

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...not getting their exemptions? You bet. In fact I want them all to have an exemption because I don't think you ought to tax personal property. That's not the amendment I'm going to run now. That debate belongs in January of 1992, and for a lot of the reasons we've already discussed, about how difficult it is to deal with personal property tax. I look around here and we're all confused, we all see chaos. And if you think that occurs, we're the ones that are informed at this point. And if we have chaos, what do you think about the citizens of the State of Nebraska? They've got even worse chaos than we do. Here's a chance to put to the voters a constitutional amendment that will do away with that chaos and provide some predictability, and will provide a forum and a mechanism to decide whose going to be taxed, in what amount, and how much, and that doesn't occur in special session, because we're not here to solve the problem, to come up with an answer that everybody likes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We're here to devise a plan and the rules of the game, and that's a constitutional amendment.

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

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, 30 votes to tax or 30 votes to exempt. I don't like it either, but I'm willing to compromise because I feel that we need to get this constitutional amendment before the people. And if this will help us do this, if this will help us to get the 40 votes, well then I'm certainly for it. But I think there are good reasons why we exempt some personal property. And I think there are some good reasons why we tax it. But if we have to get 30 votes, well that will mean that we'll have to work a little harder, and I'm willing to do this. But I feel that the voters out there need the opportunity to say yes or no to this. And some people said, well the voters won't be well informed. Well, I'm saying to you folks that that voter, that citizen out there is pretty well informed. We found that out when we had the ag land valuation before the people. We found that out when we put LB 1059 before the people, and they researched it. In fact some of them, I think, researched it better than we do here in the Legislature. But putting everything back on the tax rolls