

this case. But I think the people have to make the decision once they see what they are deciding. And the only way that is going to happen is if the Supreme Court's opinion is allowed to work, that for the first time in our state after 25 years the personal property tax exemptions are going to go away, and the people of this state, the citizens of this state are going to see what that does to their pocketbook. They're going to see what real property tax relief means. That's one thing. And, secondarily, and I'd like to hear a succinct response to this, but why...Senator Kristensen talks about chaos. And if someone could prove to me where the chaos is, then that's fine. But I don't think with LB 6 there is chaos out there at all. What there is is personal property being taxed, which is going to broaden the tax base, which is something we talked about, at least for the five years I've been here, it's going to lower the taxes for real property taxpayers, and it's going to preserve and maintain intact, at least for the time being, the uniformity clause. There's another point that I think is important to note, and that is the discussion that Senator Hefner makes about the 30 votes and how it's difficult to get 30 votes. And Senator Kristensen talked about that. And I wish someone could give me a record vote in the history of the...let's say the last 20 years of this Legislature where there's been an exemption created where it was less than 30 votes, where there were less than 30 votes obtained. And I'm sure there wasn't. There may be one somewhere. It is not difficult to get 30 votes, as Senator Warner, I think, rightly stated. Thirty votes will be part of the deal, will be part of the package, just like 30 votes will be to create a tax, it just isn't going to be a problem. So I think we can sort of throw that away. The Supreme Court has done a very significant thing, I think, for the citizens of Nebraska. It is said your real property tax system is not going to be thrown out tomorrow. It's not going to be thrown out tomorrow. But we feel it is only fair and right that all personal, at least the four classifications that it dealt with, the personal property be taxed uniformly, fairly and proportionately. And that those taxpayers who, for 20 years, have been basically carrying the burden of property taxation in this state will no longer be carrying the burden to the extent that they were in the past. The Supreme Court, I think, did all it could do, in my view, under the Constitution that we have in our state. And I think the Constitution does have meaning, and maybe it does need to be changed. And I agree with Senator Beutler...