

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...that possibly inventory needs to...parts of it need to be exempt. But I think only when this decision has a chance to work, and the people of this state see for 6 months, or 18 months what it means to have uniform taxation of personal property in this state for the first time in 25 years, then they're going to be able to make an intelligent decision when it goes before them for a vote, but not in 60 days. The decision was made only a few days ago. The people in my district are saying, expand the tax base, do something that allows us, or allow this to work. Allow personal property to go back on the tax rolls and expand the tax base, and let's see how it works. If it's necessary, in 18 months, to change it, we can change it. But we don't need to change it today. And, Senator Kristensen, you don't have a plan.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: You don't have a plan, and that's clear.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Lindsay's amendment. (Chambers amendment appears on page 121 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, what this amendment does is to alter the present Lindsay amendment so that 30 votes will be required only when an attempt is made to exempt property from...personal property, tangible, personal property from taxation. It does away with the requirement of 30 votes to impose a tax. It does away with the requirement of 30 votes to remove an exemption. What the amendment does, purely and simply, is to state that it requires a greater number of votes to attach an exemption than it does to take it off. All it will do, in effect, is restore us to status quo, meaning that exemptions can continue to be put on as easily as they always have been, but it will not be made more difficult as a result of an act of the Legislature to take those exemptions off, as would be the case under Senator Lindsay's ill-conceived, ill-advised amendment. During the discussion of