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taken. Now he says, let the public have this amendment, let them vote on it, and the public is going to be benefited. How? The public never has the impact on this Legislature as the special interest groups, and Senator Morrissey, Senator Morrissey is still here, he said that he was telling some politicians that there are more railroaders than there are railroad officials. Railroaders have more votes, but railroaders don't have the money. Politicians go where the money is, and they know by running a slick ad campaign the voters are going to be sucked in and vote the way they want to. It has been established from the federal level right on down to the local level that whoever has the most money to spend on television commercials...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is going to win the election. So, if we are going to do something that is not hurtful to the public, we ought, at this point, to do nothing legislatively. There was a meeting at which it was determined that even if LB 6 does not pass, if none of these bills, even changing this date for the assessors and giving them this authority they supposedly need, the assessments can occur pursuant to what the Supreme Court said in their decision should happen in order to put this stuff back on the tax rolls. So the truth has not been presented in an unvarnished form on any of these issues. I hope that you will adopt this amendment that I am offering to the Lindsay amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Chambers amendment, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. First of all, I spent half of what my incumbent opponent spent. I did beat him, so every now and then it works. I do have a question. Senator Chambers, it is 30 to put the exemption on and 25 to take it off?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, I will support that amendment. I think that is a good idea. I was questioning why we were going 30-30. I didn't like that. My concern is that we have the ability to make some rational exemptions. My concern, and