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fine-tuned and strings are pulled and people jump. But that is not the real point I wanted to make. When we get to discussions of this particular time and this level, when we get late and we are tired, things start falling apart. We have all seen it before. Senator Chambers is a master of it. At times I have worked with him to do it, this time I am opposing him doing it. Senator Chambers is going to bring anything from Senator Kristensen being a young, aspiring leader to Senator Kristensen talking about the Supreme Court. We are going to put in the rights of Nebraskans on a previous cause. We are going to bring anything we can simply to disrupt the concentration on what it is we really need to focus on. And what we really need to focus on, in my opinion, is our members in this body willing to walk away from here not accomplishing the constitutional amendment. Are you really willing to do that? I hear Senator Lamb and Senator Chambers each speak against LR 1, and each one takes the exact opposite position. One of them is wrong. One of them is wrong. And, Senator Chambers, I believe in your particular viewpoint Senator Lamb is wrong. Senator Lamb should not be opposing this. Senator Hefner, you were correct, correct, correct. Members of this body have to ask themselves two questions in my opinion. Do you want a constitutional amendment? Because this is the only way you are going to get it from this session, this is it. Senator Ashford, I am sorry, maybe you weren't paying attention, but if LR 1 doesn't go, there is going to be no LB 6, so don't talk about LB 6 as if it is going to be law if we don't do LR 1. It won't be there. You have got one vote on this amendment, Lindsay amendment, and then you have the vote on the LR, and if that particular amendment doesn't go, we are out of here. We might as well adjourn sine die and we will. We will be out of here. If that is what you want, then that is fine. But if you truly think that we should not lay ourselves at the absolute mercy of the Supreme Court and wait for their decisions to come down to guide us in tax policy, that we, as a Legislature, need to take control of our tax policy and give us a chance to do what we do best, that is making policy, if you believe that is our best option for the future of Nebraska, then you have got to go for an LR 1, and this is the only way it is going to be there.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Lamb, you are simply wrong when you talk about the 30 votes. I am sorry, you are wrong. I have seen this body give 48 votes at some times and some things