

automatically going to reinstate those exemptions. I know how hard it has been to get them, and if you think, if anyone thinks it was easy in '71 to do what we did, if anyone thinks it was easy in '76, ladies and gentlemen, you weren't here. I traded where I had to trade. I cried where I had to cry. I begged where I had to beg. I threatened and I pleaded, and we got the votes, but it also was a combination of circumstances that were very, very unusual. The assessors had upped the valuations by three times of what the property cost new, and the people got a bellyful, and they reacted accordingly, and they through the system out. What is going to happen here is a totally different situation. There is another scenario, and, ladies and gentlemen, the 18 rural area senators...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...who voted for the amendments...for the amendment for the Cargill, for the ConAgra exemptions ought to remember this, for once again you are going to have people who spend the money, education, cities and counties lobbying against LR 1, and you are going to have something else, Mr. Jaksha. You put the two together and you couldn't beat them with a club. What are you going to have on the other side? You are going to have a bunch of farmers, but farmers are always out planting corn in the springtime, election time, and they are out harvesting in the fall, and this is going to come in the middle of the whole session, there will be no one there to tell our story. And as Senator Hall said, there is going to be hundreds of thousands of dollars of ads on TV, and radio, and every other thing else, and that is going to be a lot more convincing than arguments. I agree with Senator Hall, we ought to meet as a committee of the whole. If it takes 60 days, I don't care. I have confidence in you, my colleagues, but we ought to decide it...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...in seven days or eight days or nine days, I don't think it can be done fairly. The situation is too complicated and it needs to be addressed, not just piecemeal. I have given the same speech on the floor for 20 years, you can't just fix a leaking roof one shingle at a time. You ought to repair the whole roof. Senator Hall said you ought to build a whole new fence. Ladies and gentlemen, I oppose advancement of LR 1.