

be a couple of months away, certainly everything is down the drain. On the other hand, if the constitutional amendment is passed, with the 30 vote requirement in there, it is still a loser. It is still a loser in this body. It may not be but that is my judgment, that at least for some of the exemptions that I would like to see and my constituency would like to see, it is still a loser. So why should I vote for it? Well, Senator Landis says because there is an insurmountable problem. I think Senator Hall countered that argument rather effectively. LB 829 is still in effect. The big crisis that we talked about when we first came in here which was that the whole property tax system, including real estate, the \$1.2 billion, was going to disappear, and that threat has disappeared because of the court action, Supreme Court. Instead of attacking the real estate property tax system, they said, well, you put these exemptions back on. That does not constitute a real threat to the State of Nebraska because of LB 829. We have time. We have time to consider this more in depth. I don't think it is the proper thing to do to pass it in its present form. I hope you will not advance LR 1.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Will, followed by Senators Lindsay and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I, too, rise in opposition to the advancement of LR 1, and I guess there are a couple of reasons why I think it is not wise for the Legislature to advance LR 1 at this time, or to pass it and send it on to the people. I guess the primary reason that we have been given by a number of people that we ought to do this is because it is our responsibility to let the people decide, and I have no objection to letting the people decide. I think that someplace along the line, in any event, we are going to have to present a constitutional amendment to the people of Nebraska, and by definition, that is letting the people decide. I guess the objection I have at this point is the process that we have gone through in which we convened a special session a month after we ended a regular legislative session in a deadlock over this very issue. There hadn't been a considerable amount of movement that I detected during that time. We convened a special session. We immediately get a court decision that essentially is 180 degree difference, at least in the remedy that was proposed by the court, from what a lot of people were expecting. We, at that point, held hearings. We recessed for a day. We came back. We immediately went to work trying to