

come back next session, the argument will be any different is beyond me; it will be the same. We're here now. The price of leadership is difficult in these situations.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It is tough to lead in these situations. But we're here to lead. And if the end result will be you have to go to the public to ask, then let's ask them, and let's ask them now. They are tuned in, they are aware, they know more than you think that they know. And, finally, I want to suggest to the body this is another one of those issues where I, personally, have voted against this type of thing, up until now. And I am finally convinced, not only by the latest court decision, but in reflecting myself, that I, as a Nebraskan, that happens to be serving in the State Legislature, I do not want to see Nebraska's Legislature, now and in the future, at the mercy of a court, waiting to see what the court will do. I want to have a Nebraska Legislature that takes the courage and says to its people, give your representatives a chance to do tax policy, and we will represent you with that tax policy.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Let's have a Legislature that is worth being in, not one that gives up and gives to the court and says, please tell us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Hall and Wehrbein. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President, maybe if I...maybe if I hadn't given the prayer this morning about losing tempers I would lose one now. But then maybe that reminds me that doesn't achieve anything. I rise with a great amount of frustration. It's kind of like the first time I showed my first 4-H calf, and I worked all summer, and I did everything people told me to do, and I combed him, and I blow-dried him, and I shaved him, and I took him, I got a white ribbon. Did everything they told me to do and I got a white ribbon, and I felt just empty, and that's kind of how I feel now. It's one of those things where obviously we didn't do it good enough, but I think many of us have tried to do everything people have told us to do, try and bring some people on board to get the 40 votes. And we've probably gained one vote through all that. I mean it's like one