

the coffee shops around Nebraska that determines their perception of what is going on. And, believe me, the perceptions around the coffee shops are going to be exactly what was said by many members, both when the amendment was adopted and now. And it needs to come off for that reason. As I indicated the other day, if this constitutional amendment is adopted, I didn't support 775, but I'm not...I could reinstate those exemptions and I could be supportive of them if I thought and believed the Constitution permitted it. But there is no question in my mind that it does not, based on the decision of the court that we have already had. So whatever is done at this point, if there is a successful 40 votes for a constitutional amendment, then this amendment needs to be adopted at some point before we adjourn today if you expect the voters to approve.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. The next five speakers are Senators Moore, Hefner, Abboud, Hillman and Robinson. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President, and members, you know Senator Warner touched on the reason and the rationale why this amendment was brought to the floor on Wednesday. You know, Senator Wesely paints it as some diabolical plot to protect LB 775 and, you know, it's one of those things. And I think Senator Warner mentioned that he didn't think it was a valid reason, but whether or not it was valid or not, the reason it was brought was because we decided the court had only struck down Sections 6 through 9 of 77-202, decided all the court had done at this time with the full anticipation that eventually it would do 10 and 11 but those, you know, Senator Warner stated, were not before the court. And so trying to keep it in the confines of exactly what the court said, that's why it was brought before the body. You know, it's one of those things that's frustrating. Obviously, when any sort of media puts a certain spin on something, we go running like scared sheep and I understand why that happens. You know, it's certainly not that I, in any way, shape or form, want to protect these particular exemptions in 775, I fought them every stage of the debate in 1987 and it was for these reasons alone that I about voted against the bill. I certainly do not support those but the intent was maybe it was so simple it was too pure but it seems to me there was some hidden agenda there, that certainly was not the case. Unfortunately though, as Senator Warner stated, whether or not it...whatever the case was, perception in this business is a reality thanks to the Omaha World-Herald which