

we're here striking that in LR 1. We're taking that out of the Constitution. And then we went one step farther. The other day when we struck the amendment that the committee put in, we struck the word "rational". And we did that under the guise that we wanted to have a direct appeal to the United States Supreme Court, when in fact what will happen is you will get that. It goes back to Senator Warner's favorite saying about true but not accurate. You will get that, but what has happened is that every time they go to the U.S. Supreme Court, based on their desire to let states deal with their own tax policy, you, in effect, foreclose that from ever happening. You will never get a case that is taken up by the Supreme Court to decide whether or not an exemption that you allow is reasonable or rational, because you've taken that opportunity away under the guise that you're offering it. That's what we're here today doing. We're going to vote on a constitutional amendment that strips every opportunity of protection for the little guy out. And we're going to ask them to vote on it. And we're going to tell them that this will protect the system, this will protect you, it will ensure that you don't have to worry about inventories being taxed, you don't have to worry about personal property being taxed,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...we're going to let the Legislature go about the process of dealing with tax policy. Trust me. Go back ten minutes ago to the 775 debate, the 775 amendment, the 775 vote. That's what happens when you don't have a uniformity clause. We had a uniformity clause. We have a uniformity clause today. We have ignored it. What the court said is the Constitution of this state says you have to deal with these things on a fair basis. The court is not making tax policy, the court is enforcing the Constitution of this state. We were the ones that were ignoring the Constitution. We were the ones that were making tax policy that was in violation of the uniformity clause,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...and they said you can't do that. And now we're going to go to the people and say, let us.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Schmit.