

SENATOR MOORE: ...they will be taxed. And they're willing to take the risk that Senator Lamb is not.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in support of the Chambers-Lamb amendment, or the motion to return actually before the Chambers-Lamb amendment. And the reason being that if you look at the history of...and, incidentally, initially I was supportive of the 30 vote requirement that we put into LR 1. But when you look at the history of the exemptions that have been enacted on the property tax side, the fact of the matter is that the 30-vote barrier simply has not...would not be effective when viewed historically. In 1972, when this process was started, the process of exempting property, LB 1241, at that time, was adopted. This was the bill that began the exemption process. It partially exempted the property that is now totally exempted. That bill passed 30 to 14. It was subsequently vetoed by Governor Exon and was overridden with 31 votes. In 1975, LB 530 exempted interstate fleets of trucks and motor vehicles, it passed with 35 votes. In 1977, LB 518, which is the bill that totally exempted the property that we're now talking about, was passed, it had 30 votes. In 1980, the bill that exempted earthmoving equipment was passed with 34 votes. In 1987, LB 775 was passed with 37 votes. Every single one of these bills that established exemptions passed with 30 votes. The 30-vote barrier was not a problem at that time, historically. I have no reason to believe that that is going to be a barrier in the future. The point is that the protection allowed or granted by 30...by a 30-vote requirement is illusory, it's not a protection, it's not there. We're dealing much more straightforwardly with the people of the State of Nebraska, if we take that requirement out of the bill. The fact of the matter is that I'm not supportive of LR 1 with or without the 30-vote requirement. But if we scale it back to 25 votes, I think we're being much more straightforward, we're telling the people that it simply requires an act of the Legislature, and the acts of the Legislature that have exempted property historically have always passed with 30 votes. I support the motion to return. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I