

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The pace is quickening. People are starting to yield time to other people just to get a chance to speak and the end is near. That's a pretty scary thought because the end is near. It became very apparent on Monday afternoon that this session was headed nowhere, that we were no different than we were that...remember that night how sick you felt when you left here. You felt like we just didn't finish it. Usually at the end of the session we walk out of here and we've had some terrible fights among each other, we've called each other names, and we're mad because my bill got vetoed, or my bill didn't pass, but you know we shake hands and we walk out of here with a pretty good feeling. That didn't occur at the end of the regular session. You had that hollow feeling when you walked out of here. You're going to have that hollow feeling in about an hour and a half, or maybe two hours. What it's going to come down to here was very clear on Monday that some compromise had to occur. And some people were willing to compromise, and some people were willing to say, I'll swallow some of what I said on both sides, I'll take some political risks, and so let's put the 30 vote thing in the Constitution, I don't like it, it's bad precedent, but it probably isn't that big a deal. And some people with legitimate policy reasons, I think, like Senator Lamb, said, I can't do that, I can't take the risk that that gives me. Is that legitimate? Sure, that's legitimate. He's got the right to do that. He's got the right to say I can't take that risk. But I'm going to talk to the people who haven't made their minds up yet,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and I'm going to talk to people who are wavering, because if you walk away today, you do walk away. And, Senator Hall, I think the tax system is sick, and I think there is something wrong with it. And I get that, one is because I'm getting sick and tired of reading about our tax system in every Supreme Court case that comes down. I'm getting tired of going home to every citizen who sees me in the street and doesn't want to ask me about anything else other than, are you going to fix the tax problem? And we're trying. I tell them, I said, look we are trying. Senator Hall is trying, Senator Lindsay is trying, Senator Moore, Senator Baack, Senator Warner, everybody is trying. I mean look at whose here, how