

concept was of a strong president, or how foreign the concept was of a strong central government. At that time they, I'm sure, said some of the same things we're hearing now, we've never done that before, we can't do that now, but they did. The art of compromise was at its highest at that point. And the result, I think, was one of the greatest documents we've seen in history. We're certainly not going to make the Nebraska Constitution the greatest document in history today. I don't think that's what we're talking about. But we're going to make another step towards giving the Legislature the ability or the flexibility, as Senator Warner referred to, to come up with a tax policy that is fair and equitable, and yet at the same time afford some protections to those people who might otherwise not be heard, as Senator Hall was referring to. By having that 30-vote limit, I disagree with Senator Will's comments about every other exemption has been adopted by 30 votes. It's a different time. When you're talking about 30 votes then, they knew they only needed 25. And everybody knows when you're sitting around here how some of those thumbs seem to come up after 25 is reached. I don't know that you can sit here and look at the raw statistics and say that's what happened. The second thing is if you knew that 30 votes is what you needed, at the time you're negotiating, trying to come up with that policy, you simply have to include more people in that negotiation. So I think it is good policy, it does offer some protection. No, it doesn't offer the same protection as the uniformity clause. But I think we have to grant the fact that it does not offer the flexibility. It does not offer the ability, for one thing, unless we bring everything back on, it does not offer the possibility of taxing the railroads. And nobody in here says we ought to make sure the railroads don't pay any taxes. And nobody in here says we ought to make sure the pipelines don't pay any taxes. But unless we change something, it isn't going to happen. We have to have that flexibility, we have to have those protections. I think the two are going hand-in-hand. The only way, I think we've seen that from the vote that was taken earlier, the only way LR 1 has any possibility, and I don't know if it's got the possibility with the amendment, but the record tells us it has no chance without it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have sufficient seconds. We will now vote