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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...because they felt that that clause protected the minority of which they were a major minority. Today, of course, 71 years later, the farmers are a much smaller minority and our concern for the abolishment of that protection ought to be greater. I think that this is probably the best solution we can get if we insist upon having a constitutional amendment. I think there would have probably been another alternative route, the extension of 829 and the treatment of this language in the regular session, but if we want to have something to hang our hat on, I suppose this would be one way to go and I would support it.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, Senator Hall, I am trying to figure out, from my point of view, if this is better than nothing. If it is better than nothing, it is probably only one step up the John Hancock Building because it is not much. But it may be better than nothing. That is what interests me. But on the other hand, it may just be a way of doing nothing that we can look good doing because it is not the World-Herald that scares me, it is the voters out there. But try and step out of your shoes as a senator and look out there across the State of Nebraska and look at what we are doing. We are basically saying we can't come to any consensus. We are basically saying we can't, as a Legislature, develop any leadership and that's probably because of 40 votes has caused that problem, and we are basically saying we are going to extend this mess for a few more years because you will still have the mess. You will have all the uncertainty in local governments. The taxpayers still will have all the uncertainty. The business community will still have all of the uncertainty, but, at least, the good thing is that if somehow the voters would vote for, which I am concerned that they won't, you may at least take the court out of the picture. I think that is good because that is the problem. But, you know, the other quandary it puts me in, Senator Hall, is all the arguments you give for this seem to be contrary to what you've said for the last two weeks, it takes away some of the crisis. I don't see what this accomplishes you can't do with LR 1 and, obviously, you and I disagree. LR 1, you are right, doesn't solve anything. It only gives this body