

consider not just today, not just tomorrow but the possible consequences on down the road. The makeup of this body insists that we work together. We have to depend on the urban senators in the future and you must weigh...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...what may be the consequences of a little shot on the chin right now and how those consequences may come back and haunt rural senators in the future, because if we want to further an urban-rural split and let it boil and fester between now and January when the fight begins, then it will be a real fight, one we might not want to see. We have to work together. We have to depend on the urban senators to do what is right and fair and we might not always get what we want but we have to do it through reasoned debate,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...through the hearing process and in a regular session. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I want to speak briefly to a couple of points that I thought Senator Withem raised in his opening that caused me some concern. First, Senator Withem stated that he believed that the Nebraska Supreme Court was the final arbiter of tax policy. Well, the Supreme Court may believe that they are the final arbiter of tax policy but I do not and I don't believe that this body should abrogate the making of policy to the Supreme Court. I think there is a difference between making policy and construing the acts of the Legislature in determining whether they're constitutional or not. I would agree with Senator Withem that in recent decisions that I believe the court has crossed that line and has been rather explicitly, in my view, making policy. But I would suggest to you that policy is made in this body through the hearing process, through debate on this floor and through the contacts that we have with our constituents. Policy is not made as a result of arguments before the Supreme Court, briefs filed in front of the Supreme Court and the nonpublic deliberations of the court. Policy is made here. I do not think that we should have any suggestion that we have abrogated