

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...explain that "Senator So and So" did not take this one last chance to exempt breeding livestock. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Coordsen, Hall, Morrissey, Robinson and Pirsch. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to say a couple of words. I guess I was provoked by Senator Lamb, as I so often am. (Laughter.) But I feel very kindly towards him anyway. But what I wanted to say, I noted the strains of passion and anger in his voice and I'm sure that those strains are the same strains that he hears over the telephone from many of his constituents who are angry and don't understand. But I just want you to know that I'm hearing those same voices over the telephone, the same angry people are here in District 28 in Lancaster County also. And not only do they not understand the relationship between rural and urban but they understand very clearly that a deal was to be a deal and that we are coming back in here after that vote to reenact exactly what they thought they were voting on. And if this Legislature backs away from that proposition now, the seeds of discord have been planted for the future, I assure you, because those angry people are going to keep calling me and I must respond to them as their representative. It is hard for all of us to decide what's fair as between urban and rural but I know now from the county assessor in this county that the...that they're telling us that property taxes in Lancaster County are going to go up slightly because of the amendment that we passed and I'm hearing from real property owners who are upset. The only thing that levels this off for Lancaster County is the slight change in the state aid to education formula that takes place because of this. That's what makes it a fair deal. And Senator Lamb stands up and says Lancaster County is getting \$1.6 million. That's what makes it fair. So all of those things have been considered. It's not as if it's something that has not been considered. All of these things we have taken into account and I think we need to understand that the credibility of this Legislature is part of what is at stake today. I have no objection to people coming in next session and arguing as best they can for whatever they believe is right for their people. But to do this now, at this point in time with the