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the state. Everything else is secondary. People may not like that. That's the reality. A state must have the power to pass laws. A law is not a law unless the entity that puts it into effect has the physical power to compel obedience and to punish disobedience. Otherwise, it's just the expression of an opinion. I don't think people ought to kill each other, and that's the end of it. I don't think people ought to steal. But if they kill and steal nothing will be done about it. Those are not laws. Those are expressions of hopes and wishes. Senator Schmitt, the "Constable", mentioned a 1992 vote that some members of the Legislature made. "Constable" Schmitt, I would hope that with the elapsing of seven years, people can gain in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. I would hate to believe that I know no more now than I knew in 1992, although people who were dealing with me at that time, Senator Redfield, thought I knew everything that could be known but I was trying to tell them, no, there's a lot more in the world than what I know. So what we're going to have to decide today is whether the statute of limitations should be disregarded. I indicated that our vote could establish a precedent. We have a baby precedent presented to us already by the Chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee, Senator Vrtiska. He said, a claim such as this was approved by his committee, therefore, they had to approve this one too. There's a baby, or miniature, precedent they establish in the committee. We did one bad thing over here so now we've got another bad thing presented to us so because we did bad thing "A" we must now do bad thing "B". Committees do, for whatever reasons they have, what a majority of the committee will determine ought to be done. But the rest of the Legislature is to review the work of the committee and either endorse it or reject it, and in this case I don't believe the committee, a majority of the committee, behaved in a way that was prudent. Sorrow, compassion, sympathy, generosity have no place, Senator Vrtiska, even in the counting house. It certainly has no place in the dealings of the exchequer. That's what the guy was called in England. In fact, Lord North was the exchequer and he did more to bring about the American Revolution than American people because he was pushing for certain revenue provisions that became the excuse or justification...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.