

Attorney General's Opinion as I read it indicates that they feel we can leave this program on the books another year without funding it, and we don't leave ourselves open to claims by disgruntled assessors, disgruntled county commissioners, or disgruntled homeowners by filing claims against us any more than disgruntled Mexican-Americans or disgruntled women to file claims against us because we haven't funded their commissions even though it says on the books we will have that sort of commission. However, once again, to put in the record that before John jumps on me for this, this Attorney General's Opinion does not specifically answer the question that he raised but it is probably one that should have been raised last year when we were debating LB 809. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator DeCamp, did you want another chance to speak? (Gavel.) Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am satisfied. Even though we may not have an opinion, I have read the Constitution, and the very last sentence does say that apparently we can grant the homestead exemption. It doesn't specifically say we have to fund it. So I guess I go on the theory that we may be able to do that. So I am going to continue to hold on to the exemption and hope we fund it next year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, do you want another speak? Senator Remmers, any more? Any further discussion on the Hoagland amendment? Any further discussion on the Hoagland amendment? Senator Hoagland, you may close. You may close. (Gavel.) Let's be quiet so we can hear the speaker now. (Gavel.)

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I think we know from the outset that it is not going to be funded this year. We know that for sure. Senator Higgins and Senator Hartnett have talked about promises previously made. I don't hear anybody standing up and suggesting that the Appropriations Committee take advantage of another three or four day recess to find another \$18.3 million in the budget. We know that is not going to happen. We know it is not going to be funded this year so that promise has been breached and it is going to be breached. Now that the question then is, if the promise is going to be breached, what do we do? Do we postpone it one year and put ourselves right back in the same soup next year that we are in this