

state entered into that and everybody agreed. They said, look, you're going to have to have taxes, and it's going to have to be uniform and proportionate, and everybody said, well, sure it ought to be fair, so we'll make it uniform on everybody. The Legislature, at that time, when they created...we had that constitutional creation, that...from that point on is when our problems started, because as a natural, logical conclusion every Legislature, since about the 1920s, has come in and wanted to have some exemption. And there's been a whole history of the Legislature trying, for certain reasons, to piecemeal certain exemptions in, for good reasons,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...for good causes, maybe economic necessity. I mean, at one point in time we even exempted and valued differently property that had shade trees on it. Why? Well, because it was a necessity, it was important, because we wanted to have shade in some areas, I suppose. I don't know that exact reason, but there's a whole variety in the history of doing these things, it just didn't occur in the last 10 years. This just didn't occur with the Nebraska Supreme Court in the last five to 10 years. Since the 1920s, this state has had a running gun battle with interpreting what we did in 1875, and we're going to start tonight a little different definition of the Constitution. And so people maybe in another 50 years are going to look back at this debate and say, well, what were they really trying to do? And so throughout the night I think that it's important for us...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...to talk about why we're doing these things. I would stand here at least on the Conway amendment and like the intention, but I would oppose it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Is it my turn to speak, or...

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like...Senator Hall and Senator Kristensen have, through their compelling arguments, have convinced my that that probably was the wrong