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and I cannot do that. I would like to ask Senator Hall a question. Senator Hall,...

SENATOR HALL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...without amending the Constitution, can the Legislature right now repeal every exemption?

SENATOR HALL: Absolutely. That's what LB 829 does for at least tax year '91.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now...oh, excuse me.

SENATOR HALL: In...with regard to personal property.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, that's what I'm talking about.

SENATOR HALL: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we repeal all exemptions, what crisis would continue to exist?

SENATOR HALL: As far as I'm concerned, none.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why do we have to amend the Constitution and throw off to the people a responsibility that we can assume legislatively?

SENATOR HALL: The reason for the amendment to the Constitution is to continue the system as it currently exists.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean by having exemptions in other different ways...

SENATOR HALL: Treating...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of treating people.

SENATOR HALL: Right, treating real and personal property differently.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hall. Members of the Legislature, if the Legislature has the power right now to deal with the problem but we're too chickenhearted, how is amending the Constitution going to change that? Not at all. It's going