

amendment and a high probability, it seems to me, of cataclysmic tax pressures, policies and risks. And I would urge the defeat of the Schmit amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would urge the passage of 186.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise on Senator Schmit's motion, but like Senator Landis, I'll talk to the issue. The proposal that is before us in LR 186 is one that is not needed. We don't need a constitutional amendment, period. We have a constitutional amendment before us because the issue, as has been whispered, there's been innuendo, there's been speculation that our real property tax base will fall because of the Lindsay suit. That may very well be true, but that's all that it is. All that it is is rumor and speculation, period. We base it on the fact on a fire sale attitude that if we do not do this, we do not do this proposal, Jenny, would you please get that out of my face, thank you. If we do not do this proposal, that we will have a tax problem that we will not be able to deal with. Ladies and gentlemen, the only time in Nebraska you get tax discussion on a reasonable basis is when you have crisis. Go back and look at the history. Look when there were changes that were made to put sales and income tax on the board. Go back to the thirties when they looked at intangibles and, as a matter of fact, prior to that, head tax that we discussed earlier this year. It's not the first time it has been before the body. Back then they had two houses to deal with it. That's when these kinds of things get addressed because right now we have a rotten tax system in this state. It is unfair to the vast majority and advantageous to the minority and we're going to perpetuate that with LR 186. You engrain in the fabric of the Constitution a tax policy that is blatantly unfair. Granted, it represents what we've done over a number of years. Nobody denies that. But we have been unfair to the homeowner and the other little people out there for year in and year out and we failed to deal with that. And now what we're about to do here is say because there is a suit that it is pending, we've got to rush to change our Constitution to preempt the cataclysmic tax downfall that awaits us and the whole issue of refunds that a court will require us to produce. Well that is nonsense. The court sits to provide justice. A tax system