

being threatened not so much by outside forces, but by inside forces. One of the concepts and one of the sayings that came out of the Vietnam War was we have met the enemy and the enemy is us and we are in the same situation here today because we refuse to admit that we spend far more money than we can take in. I well remember the Carter-Reagan national campaign...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...for the presidency and the rallying cry of all Republicans, all good Republicans was, the nation can never afford another \$60 billion deficit. Well my golly, ladies and gentlemen, wouldn't we be glad to get back to a \$60 billion annual federal deficit again in Washington? We'll never see it again.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I suggest that we support the Moore amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members, again, I thank Senator Warner and I thank Senator Withem for being the two that have got up to give their reasons why this is not good. Maybe it is bad timing for this amendment and maybe that's the nature of negotiations that we didn't come to this point till now and what that point is I'm not quite sure, but I think, I guess it's a point where people may consider this a little more seriously than they did before. Again, it's the desire of the majority of the body to tax a portion of personal property. To do that under 1063 they have to change our state Constitution, but to solve the problem we don't, we don't have to do it. From MAPCO equalization is a process of ensuring that all taxable property is appraised on the assessment rolls at a uniform percentage of its actual value. The process of equalization cannot be applied to property that is not taxed. Later on they state it is competent for the Legislature to classify objects of legislation and if the classification is reasonable and not arbitrary it is a legitimate exercise of legislative power. I think the separation of personal and real property is very legitimate and very much based in reality. The classification must rest upon real differences in situation and circumstances surrounding members of the class related to the subject of the legislation which renders appropriate its