

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1719 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1413. (R. Johnson amendment appears on page 1719 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, this is an amendment that we discussed previously. It deals with the question of subclass uniformity. I'm sorely tempted today to just withdraw this amendment and go straight to a vote on LR 2CA, but I have been willing to compromise on this issue to a point where I've made statements to individuals that I would at least offer the amendment to the body and allow them to decide whether or not this language is necessary. It's been suggested to me quite honestly that this amendment is not necessary, that the language in the bill is maybe not as specific as some would like to have it, but nonetheless it does cover this concern. Personally, I'd like to go to a vote, but I'm going to lay it...put the amendment out for you to decide whether to bring the bill back for this specific amendment to address that problem. As I said previously, I'm sick to death of the issue, personally. I've tried to provide what I consider to be some alternatives to this body in 249, and now in LR 2. And, as I said before, I'm at a point where I know what this body wants to do. I don't know if it's a matter of pride between those who want their names on bills, or if it's simply a matter of ideology and disagreeing over whether we should use this formula or other formulas to determine ag land. But I'm doing the best I can to present you with an idea that I think is fair. And I think statements on this floor have been made in regards to the fairness of the issue and the fact that we are moving closer to uniformity. I do believe, however, that something does need to be done this year, I would disagree with Senator Schmit on that aspect, and that I'll offer this amendment to you. It does not have the language that Senator Schmit had asked relative to specifying subclasses in it. I think the language that says all property within a class of agricultural land and horticultural