

to urbans in terms of that's where your new factories, your new construction and so on and so forth, most of it is occurring these days. Is it constitutional? I think so. I've thought so from the beginning, however, to resolve the problem I've gone ahead and used what the Attorney General says is constitutional for periods already gone which is the Schmit formula, and then on the valuation aspect tried to put in intent language and findings by the Legislature on all the matters raised by the Attorney General, these matters being state purposes and goals and objects, property tax relief. There is no secret about that...our relationship to addressing the entire tax system, the local taxes, the state taxes. I still believe that before all is said and done, the Attorney General is going to say, yes, indeed, these were what we were hinting at in the Opinion, these were what we were telling you were missing, and you had to have a specific state purpose and goal in there and you have stated it and we may not agree or like it but basically you fulfilled your mission. So I think it is constitutional. But if it is not, it would appear to me the simple problem is overcome by resolving the issue in the courts and you have already got your money out and you have got a year or so to do that. So I don't know whether it's a perfect solution. I guess it is not the one, if I were writing a solution, I would come up with under the circumstances, the Attorney General's Opinion, the goal on my part to be fair to rural and urban because future is going to be important. I think it will work. As important as anything and I have never made a secret of it. I think it forces the property tax system for the first time to start having some equity, and if that results in some evening out or equalization, as we say, then that's the goal and that is what I am honestly after and I think it will accomplish that. Finally, I would like to address the one argument that has been raised against all the amendments and proposals and everything else, and that is that all these things have taken so much time on the floor, may I submit to you all this is the best time this Legislature has ever spent because for the first time, for the first time in years and years there isn't a member here now that doesn't pretty well start to understand how this overall tax system functions, the relationship between the state aid programs, the property taxes, the exemptions. I remember at the beginning of the session any number of members came up to me, particularly the new ones, and they said, well, what's this state aid thing or what is this? You are starting to learn about it and if you learn, then when we come back and we are working on whether it be