

elaborate on that or I can follow up on my own time and answer that question if you'd rather.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, go ahead, I've got time to spare.

SENATOR HALL: All right. Senator Lamb, the issue of whether or not the...we've requested an Attorney General's Opinion on LR 2CA and I did vote it to the floor. It was voted unanimously to the floor by the Revenue Committee. We discussed the issue. There was very little, if any, debate or support or testimony with regard to the constitutional amendment. If you would care to open your bill book and look at that, you'll see that there were really no proponents, no opponents or no one in a neutral testimony outside of Senator Johnson who testified. We did not have an overflow crowd. We didn't have 10 people in the hearing room on LR 2CA. Now it was a little different on LB 361 that we're addressing here this morning. The issue of what will happen if we don't pass 361 and will that bring pressure to bear with regard to the constitutional amendment that Senator Johnson has presented? The committee has heard LB 332 which is another bill that Senator Kristensen brought to us and the reason for Senator Kristensen bringing that bill to us, or one of them, was that it changes the appeals process that an individual who wants to appeal their property tax valuation has to go through with regard to the county board of equalization and the change that Senator Kristensen makes in that bill, and that bill also was advanced unanimously to the floor and we'll hear that later on, allows for the county board of equalization to basically say, we're guilty, we made a mistake, we confess that it is a...the valuation is not fair and equitable and rather than go to court, we'll just sign off on it and let the valuation fall where it may. Okay? The reason for that is because of the lawsuits that are pending that Senator Landis alluded to and those that are waiting in the wings.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: They are not going to be large in terms of numbers, but they are going to be very large in terms of the property value that is going to be lost, the reduction that is going to come. It is not going to affect the Douglas Counties of Nebraska. It probably won't even affect Lancaster County to any great extent, but it will affect those counties who do have large commercial property owners which have assessments that are much higher than what the ag land in those counties is currently