

block. I will tell you I have no wish to do this if my colleagues, on the other hand, are not prepared to face up to their constitutional duties either. Our task needs to be this, to do our constitutional duty, to value agricultural land at market values as soon as we can perform that duty, and, secondly, to return to the voters their right to determine this issue consistent with the message they have already given us and that duty falls, I think, on my urban colleagues as well as my rural colleagues because your constituencies voted for that issue too. And I think you need to honor their wishes and give them a chance to make clear and binding the value choice they made four years ago. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Before we call on Senator Hall, may I introduce some guests, please. Under the north balcony, we have Dr. Daniel Halm of Omaha in Senator Goodrich's district. Would you please stand, Doctor, so we can see who you are. And thank you for serving us today. Also, in the north balcony we have a group of Pawnee Tribe from Oklahoma who are interested in a certain bill. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, reluctantly, I rise in opposition to LR 2CA, as introduced by Senator Johnson. The bill did come before the Revenue Committee and I did vote to advance the bill to the floor because I was willing to keep my commitment, Senator Landis, at least to that extent because I think it was important for us to address this issue as it was addressed by the public when they voted on Amendment 4. But this clearly is more than just an issue of, I guess, keeping with tradition with regard to the way we have treated agricultural land. It is a question of equity and it's a question of whether this is fair through LR 2CA to treat one class differently than others. We have been dealing with this in regard to the issue of property taxes. We have been dealing with it in the Revenue Committee in a number of different ways, in a number of different bills and the thing that I would like to stress today is that we can't separate those issues. We can't just say that we want to do something that will help agricultural areas prosper because I want to do that and I don't want this to seem that it is an urban senator who wants to bash the rural areas because that's not accurate and I have supported them many times when some of their own people have not. But LR 2CA and LR 7CA, when it was passed, was done at a time when