

let me raise another hypothetical question. There is going to be a lot of oats raised this year because the market is decent. But a quarter section of oats under the pivot is not going to bring back as much...as many dollars as a quarter section of corn under the pivot. Are you then going to have a different valuation for the quarter section? You have two quarter sections that are identical, one raising oats, one raising corn, one producing 200 bushels of grain, the other \$400 worth of grain. Are you going to have two separate valuations for the identical kinds of land? Let's take it a little step farther. Suppose that you raise seed corn on one quarter and on an identical quarter you raise field corn and you raise \$700 worth of corn when you raise it for seed as opposed to \$400 worth of corn when it's raised for field corn. Going to have the county assessor come out and say, well, that's the market value of the crop, therefore, that individual ought to pay a higher level of tax. Suppose that you follow the potato grower who has come to the State of Nebraska and he has one-fourth of his land in potatoes, are you going to then double, triple or quadruple the tax on that quarter section that raises potatoes that year because the potato is worth four or five times as much as corn? I'm raising these questions, ladies and gentlemen, because I think they all need to be addressed at this point. We can stand up here and we all love each other and we love the farmer and it's gracious, I appreciate Senator...particularly Senator Landis's remarks when he said that ownership of land is not an indication of wealth. I preached that on this floor for 20 years before I finally heard one of my urban friends repeat it after me.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The point I want to make is this, that I believe it's time that you take a really serious look at it. I think that the language also on page 2, lines 18 through 25, may, in fact, may, in fact, confound the problem for you rather than to clarify it. I'm not an attorney but the constitutional amendment, ladies and gentlemen, must be written not so that you or I can understand it but so that it cannot be misunderstood. We are going to have egg on our face, ladies and gentlemen, if you try to advance this bill in this condition. I'm not going to speak again today. I'm not going to offer an amendment today. I am going to let you do what you want to do with this constitutional amendment. I'm going to absent myself from the floor and you can hold the applause. The point I want to make