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is this, that before Select File comes, instead of sitting around talking about what ought to be and what we want it to be, let's do as some of the members on this floor have said, and face reality and address the issue, because I'm cautioning you once again, if you advance the amendment the way it is and if it becomes law, a part of the Constitution, you have created a real Pandora's box to not just lower the value of land below market value but to raise it. Secondly, I think it's important that the proposal that I have talked about where you place in the Constitution a specific amount at which you will value farmland as opposed to its actual value, or market value, the public may not buy it. But if they do buy it, there will be no doubt on the part of the Supreme Court as to what the public meant and I think that is what the court is looking for.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Rod Johnson, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. President. Before so, could I ask for the house to come to order, please.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May we please have the conversation down so that you may hear the closing of Senator Rod Johnson. Thank you.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I want to go back to the very beginning of this issue and explain to you once again what LR 2CA purports to do. First of all, it provides for a specific exemption for ag land from the constitutional requirements that all property in the state be valued uniformly