

of property" which was in the Attorney General's Opinion. They note at the bottom of the Attorney General's Opinion that while it seems the use of the term "other classes" in this regard is meant to refer to all other property outside of agricultural class which would remain subject to uniformity requirements in Article VIII, Section 1, the provision of language clarifying such an intent may be advisable to clearly reflect this purpose. Well, the language that we're adding, "with all other tangible property and franchises", basically, is language that meets the court's...or meets the Attorney General's concerns with that language and clarifies what other classes of property might mean. Secondly, as I discussed this particular bill with many of you, the question came to me, will it pass? If we pass it out of this body and put it before the voters of Nebraska, will the amendment actually be supported by the voters of Nebraska? Well, again, I can't answer that as I can't really answer whether the court...the Supreme Court of Nebraska will actually find this to be any more constitutional than Amendment 4, but I think we're laying groundwork here through the discussion of this bill that we do want to provide a separate valuation formula for ag land that does not provide for uniformity with other classes. As far as what the voters of Nebraska might do, it's...all I can look back on is how the votes went back in 1984 and I would remind the body that in 1984 the voters of Nebraska overwhelmingly supported Amendment 4. The actual vote was 402,515 in favor of Amendment 4, while 171,558 voted against it. Amendment 4 passed in all 93 counties in the State of Nebraska. And even in the counties where there was some opposition, such as in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, it still passed by over a two to one margin. So it is evident that the people of Nebraska responded to what they thought was a concern in agriculture and it is my hope they will do the same in this case. Finally, the question was proposed to me, what happens if we don't pass LR 2, what are our options? Well, I guess later today we will discuss one of the other options, which is LB 361. I won't go into a long explanation of that other than say it will provide some what I consider to be a short-term solution but it could probably serve as a long-term solution as well. The other alternative is to do absolutely nothing, to allow the chaos that now exists in the system to continue to exist. That, to me, is unacceptable and that is the reason that I sponsored LR 2CA. I...as I said, I think that we have tried to address many of the concerns that the Attorney General has pointed out in this amendment. We have tried to address some of the questions that you have had in regards to the constitutionality, whether it