

recognition for the valuation differences between agricultural property and other kinds of property. My urban district did that and your urban district did that as well. I don't think there is an urban district in this state in which Amendment 4 didn't pass. I don't think there is an area of Omaha that didn't have Amendment 4 pass. I don't think there is an area in Lincoln where Amendment 4 didn't pass. And the public gave us the message. Now between that message and today there has been the intervening situation of a series of court cases that give us a second chance. It's true, we can pull the rip cord. It's true, we can say things are different. On the other hand, has the message of the public changed? I don't think so. If you want to recognize the public's rare fundamental exertion of their will, I think you have to see Amendment 4 for what we all know it was and that was a recognition of the historical preference that agricultural land has been given and an endorsement of that by the public. The...the stepchild, if you will, of Amendment 4 is LR 2CA. It seems to me that even as I express my anger with the Supreme Court for failing to recognize what I thought was the clear mandate of the people in Amendment 4, even as I have expressed my anger with the judges, I, too, am bound by that same anger in recognizing what the public did. By honoring that action and giving the public a second chance to do what they thought they were doing in the first instance, it seems to me, and that is to pass the measure, LR 2CA, to effectuate the same end that Amendment 4 was designed to pass and which, in my estimation,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...urban voters joined with rural voters in passing. And, for that reason, I will support the Johnson amendment. I urge you to do as well and I urge you to pass LR 2CA. I, as a matter of fact, went to the Speaker...you might recall that in the normal order of events, LB 361 would precede this issue, but to show my rural colleagues a measure of good faith, Senator Johnson and I both went to the Speaker and said, it's all right with us if these two reverse position and LR 2CA comes up first so that rural colleagues can see whether or not this measure has some future in the body, whether or not it looks to be a measure that the body will endorse and use that measuring stick of good will to apply back on the issue of 361. I intend to show that good will. I intend to show, basically, the good will that my constituency did three or four years ago when they passed Amendment 4. I urge you to do the same. Thank