

have here, that it could allow for at least, it could allow the Legislature, if not a county assessor, to come back at some other time and make an act of statute. And I want to just caution you that I still believe that this language in the amendment should be definitive, it should lay the parameters by which we are going to allow a deviation from, if you will, market value. I want to say again that on this floor, as I've said many times before, I do not believe the numbers that have been given to us on many occasions that provide for disparity between the various percentages of actual value as opposed to market value between the various classes of property. I have asked the agriculturally oriented people several times to go into the marketplace and to secure the records of commercial property and residences that have been sold, and contrast those records and those prices with the actual value as listed on the tax records. And to learn, if they would, the amount of disparity that does exist and to be able to go on the offensive rather than to continually be on the defensive and, in fact, we have a very weak defense. But I think, Senator Johnson, that at the very least that you should add some additional language, and perhaps by the time we are gifted with the other speakers, maybe we can discuss it a little. But I think that after the word "franchises" there should be some specific language added that states that there shall not be disparate treatment of farm land or land within the class, because I think that otherwise we are inviting, for unlimited amounts of chicanery, not necessarily within the assessors office, but certainly on the floor of this Legislature in future times to come. What would be there...What would prevent us from enacting a statute that would say that family farms, for example, ought to be taxed at half of what corporate farms are taxed at? What would there be to prevent us from saying, by statute, with this...without definitive language that irrigated land ought to be taxed at twice the value of nonirrigated land, or that ranch land ought to be taxed at four times or one-fourth?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Remember, we are no longer an agricultural Legislature. We will not have for very many more years the friendliness and the understanding we have today among our urban legislator friends. And so while I still have trouble with the amendment, my trouble stems from the fact that the amendment is not definitive enough. And certainly if you are going to do this then we ought not to allow ourselves to be wide open for