

the concept and get it passed. With that, I'd just move that the bill be advanced.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Chizek is announcing that he has 85 fourth graders from Cather School in Omaha in the north balcony with their teacher. I think the group is now leaving the balcony. We want to welcome you. We want to thank you for coming and spending a few minutes with us. Come back again, please. Discussion on the advancement of the bill. I have a number of lights on. Presumably some of you might want to speak. Senator Schellpeper is first, followed by Senators Hefner, Coordsen and Conway.

**SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and members. I agree with what Senator Johnson has said, and I also agree that I think it would pass a vote of the people. I think it's a fair and honest way to go, and I think they would approve that. I attended a meeting last Friday in District 18, and the majority of the people there think that by going the route that Senator Johnson has before us this morning is the way to go. And I think that's right. I think if we will go this route that it's the fair way to go, and that the people will vote for something that is fair. So I would sure hope that everyone here would support this resolution this morning. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Coordsen.

**SENATOR HEFNER:** Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support LR 2 as amended. I think we needed this amendment on because we want to make it perfectly clear that we are constitutional when we put this before the voters. This is one of the errors that we made four or five years ago. We didn't have the wording correct, so when it was taken before the Supreme Court they struck it down. It allows the voters in Nebraska, once more, once again, to decide if agriculture and horticultural land can be valued differently than other property. In talking to some of my constituents they would like to have another chance to vote on it. Also, I've talked with some friends and relatives in some of the urban areas, and they feel, too, that the people should have a chance to once again vote on it. I believe that they will support it. I believe that they felt that they did the right thing four years ago and will do it the same. Okay. Why should agriculture land be valued differently than other property? I think Senator Landis