

gave a good reason the other day. He said that the valuation of ag land in Nebraska represented approximately 30 percent of the property and produced only 9 percent of the income. It only produced 9 percent of the income. So I feel that there should be a little break there. Did we value other property...do we value other property different in Nebraska than we do some other things? And the answer to that is, yes. Take, for instance, motor vehicles, we value them differently, we depreciate them year to year, whereas we do not depreciate say like business buildings, our houses, or farm land. So we do value motor vehicles differently than we do this. And our Constitution allows us to do that. We don't do that on some of the other properties. I just feel that we need to give the people another chance. And I don't think we need to take a lot of time on this this morning, but I think it needs to be thoroughly discussed and get some of these things into the record. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Sitting here listening to the conversations on the amendment and now on the bill, a thought occurred to me that I might do something that never happens on the floor of the Legislature, and that is ramble just a little bit. (Laughter.) I'm recall...I recall a conversation I had with a Korean gentleman, several years back, where he was expounding his philosophy on oriental life. He made an observation that in Asia they had a caste system in society that was not unlike that in India, except that it was divided more on occupation than anything, and that they had five castes. And the first caste, the most esteemed people in society, were the educated people, the teachers, the priests in the temple, those of that stripe. The second caste were farmers, because what they did was by nature, since their religions are earth based, was very religious in nature and besides, he added, they provide all of our food. And the third caste were the artists, the poets, the sculptors, et cetera. The fourth caste, in their order of society, were business people, Mr. Speaker, because all they did was deal in money. And the fifth caste were those that made society work, the people that actually did all of the work. I don't know what that has to do with LR 2, except that in our society we've structured ourselves a little bit differently in that we have come to depend upon agriculture and, in Nebraska, the ownership of agriculture in supporting many of our government programs on a local level. The system that we have