

pure business approach, it's designed in such a way that there is all kinds of chicanery that can be there. Senator Schmit primarily talked about this apprehensions with respect to the "proportionality" within the agricultural classes, but I think we also need to have on the record that some of us have some apprehensions with respect to that between different types of property also is there. So, like I say, I will support amendment two, or LR 2 simply because I think that something needs to be done in this regard, but I do it with a great deal of apprehension with respect to what things may look like ten years from now and what constitutional basis we have built this particular provision on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to advise that probably all members of the body have guests, at least representation, in the north balcony. We have today 50 members of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs who are attending their tenth annual legislative day. Would you people please stand and take a bow. Thank you very much. We are again pleased to welcome you to our proceedings this morning. Additional discussion on the advancement of LR 2, Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Moore, Wesely, Wehrbein and Lamb.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm pleased that we have a number of individuals who are discussing this amendment. And I just want to say again that I appreciate the fact that we have a number of urban legislators who are concerned about the problems that face agriculture and are willing to try to assist in the formulation of an equitable method of taxation for agriculture. I just want to say that I could not agree more with Senator Hall, that the best way to provide some sort of equity in this entire area is to reduce the dependence upon property by government. And until we do that, we will never ever really achieve equity. Secondly, I want to say that I agree also with Senator Conway. The uniformity clause was placed in the Constitution, I have been told, to protect minority taxpayers, of which today agriculture is one. It was placed there because there is unlimited opportunity for, I don't like to use the word chicanery again, it's been used many times on this floor this morning, but that is a fact. There is unlimited opportunity for chicanery if we just repeal the uniformity clause outright and do not provide careful and well phrased directions and language. We ought to have learned from the passage of Amendment 4 which all of us thought we understood, which was understood on this floor very clearly, we