

if he'd like to have it he's welcome to it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, was it?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No, Senator Moore, and Senator Lamb would like some time as well.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well just briefly, I haven't had a chance to talk on this issue and I think it's important for all of us to remember many of you were members of the body in that special session in 1984. But if you take a look at the Blue Book and the vote on Amendment 4, the title of it was authorizing Legislature to separately classify agricultural and horticultural land. Now I don't...separately and uniform are two different words, obviously. I think we all remember what the intent was. The intent was, over Senator Schmit's objections at the time, was that we should try and allow the Legislature to value ag land through some sort of income producing capacity so they can get it at market value. Now we all know what's happened since then. We all know the courts said, well you thought you did in '84, you didn't really do, you can't do that. And also it's important to remember what the vote was. The vote was 411,000 people voted for it, only 135,000 people voted against it. Now you know we all use the word fair way too much in this Legislature when we think fair is what we agree in. But it's one of those things. I mean it passed well over 2-1, that the Legislature should do this. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons we have to go back and let the people vote again. Now there is no doubt in my mind, things have changed since 1984. Maybe the chances of passage aren't as good as they were in 1984, but the simple fact of the matter is I think the voters of Nebraska observed the chance to restate what it is they thought they said in 1984. The only way they can do that is if this Legislature passes LR 2 and puts it on the ballot again in 1990. Obviously, Senator Johnson and Senator Wehrbein and myself had a...ran a bill up to Final Reading last year that, for a variety of reasons, it didn't pass, we couldn't vote on it this year. Senator Johnson and Senator Landis and myself, this summer, talked about the fact that maybe we should put this on the ballot yet, here in '88, we could not get enough people, enough interest to do so. We have a chance one more time. And because of some impending court cases it's important that we do something, and because of that