

SENATOR SCHMIT: Fine. Yes, I would appreciate that very much, Senator, if you could...I think it is important that we be definitive, and I will just use a little bit more of my time to point out that Senator Hall said that he thinks that the Schmit language, particularly in the next amendment, is the 662 language of this amendment, and I accept responsibility for that. I think it is high time that the people in this Legislature and outside of the Legislature know exactly and precisely what they are voting upon. I will be very frank, that if you are more definitive and you outline the parameters very clearly, and you state specifically what you are going to do, the battle lines are going to be more clearly drawn, but if you do that and the amendment passes, there can be no doubt in the minds of the court what the people of this state wanted. If you do not make the language definitive and distinctive, then there can be such a doubt, and it ought to be the prime purpose of this body to remove those doubts after the anguish we have gone through in the last five years. I would suggest that I, Mr. President, withdraw this amendment. I would hope that Senator Johnson would accept my addition to the amendment, and that we could then pass that or accept that accepted amendment while I discuss why I believe it is important to include the other language in the amendment also. So with your permission, Mr. President, I ask that the amendment be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, do you have any other amendments?

CLERK: Senator, would that apply to your second amendment as well? Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to return to Select File for specific amendment. Senator, I have AM1408 in front of me.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I call your attention to the handout of the Farm Bureau magazine newsletter and I call your attention again to the last paragraph of the article where it says, as I said earlier, "not go any higher than those properties". I would ask any member, any proponent of the bill, any proponent of the amendment, is there a guarantee in the amendment as it is written today that agricultural land can not be taxed at higher than other properties. Senator Johnson.