

PRESIDENT: Time has expired.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the farm community. My light is on, perhaps, unless the question is called, I'll have a chance to continue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Wesely and Senator Landis. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. And, Senator Landis, stand still, I'll give you the balance of my time because I'm not going to take very long. I rise in opposition to Senator Schmit's amendment. As I stated on his earlier amendment, the issue of getting as specific as this would have us do, even though I think Senator Schmit's is being very up front and honest, although rather tongue in cheek in his approach to that, that the people need to understand and know what they are voting on, I guess, depends on the issue. I can recall not too long ago a very specific amendment that became known as Initiative 300 that we have wrangled with from the moment that it was adopted by the people, and many of them did not know, even though there were specifics spelled out in there, just what they were voting on. I think the issue of allowing parameters for the Legislature to work with is important. And whether you support or oppose LR 2CA, you need to allow for that, and I think the following amendment that Senator Johnson and Senator Schmit are co-authoring is one that should be adopted to the proposal. But this amendment that would put into place a scale, so to speak, with regard to how much ag land could be valued at, no more, no less, somewhere in between, which has roughly 35 points to vary from, is a very poor way to deal with this issue. Although it is specific and it does address the fact that there should be a preferential treatment, if you want to call it, an understanding with regard to the difficulty of valuing ag land, I agree with that, I understand that. But I'm not yet convinced that LR 2CA does that. And I appreciate Senator Johnson's frustration with the fact that there is no easy answer to this issue. With that, I'm going to oppose Senator Schmit's amendment and would yield the balance of my time to Senator Landis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please, you have approximately three and a half minutes.