

bills had been different, we probably wouldn't have been treated to the same level of examination and rhetoric on this issue that we have. In fact, we have done something right. We have tried to identify a way of rationally valuing agricultural land, but without the speculation of the market. Frankly, in most times that will produce values lower than the market. Doesn't mean it has to. Can produce figures that are higher, it's true. But we've persuaded that theory to the voters. We've persuaded that theory to agriculture. We've been able to show to assessors that it's rational, that it produces sensible figures between counties, and that is something right, that is something worth keeping. That's why, by the way, LR 2 is here, to keep something that has been done right after generations of doing something, I think, wrong, and that is skewing the market system with undervaluations rather than inventing or finding a different theory that achieved much the same result, but in a rational, statistical, analytical way that reduced intercounty warfare.

PRESIDENT: Time has expired.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's a right thing, and for that reason LR 2 makes good sense. I oppose the Schmit amendment, hope you do, too, and let's get on with the business of the body.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests in the south balcony this morning. We have 64 fourth graders who are guests of Senator Morrissey. They are from Auburn Elementary School in Auburn, Nebraska with their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Senator Wesely is next speaker, followed by Senator Landis and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Question, please.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Schmit, would you like to close on your motion, please.