

the term "oxymoron", where you put two things together that don't make sense, like student athlete, or reasonable Legislature, if you will. You cannot place the welfare of a group that may be at a disadvantage in the hands of people whom you have to hope will do the right thing. We must look at what language in the Constitution allows and not say it allows this, but we hope this will not be done. A Constitution proscribes...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the powers of government at the state level, and it protects the rights of those whose rights may tend to be trampled upon. This Legislature can do anything the Constitution does not prohibit it from doing, which is the opposite with the federal government. Theoretically, it can do only that which the Constitution allows. But this particular piece of legislation, rather than being a restriction on the Legislature, removes a restriction that had been placed there, and we can destroy agriculture, if we choose, and we can describe or define certain types of activities as being nonagricultural even, if the way people popularly think of agriculture, it would be considered agricultural. And to put that kind of language in the Constitution may be the time bomb which, when it explodes, will have people saying, like they said about 773, they said they didn't know that was a tax increase, they'll...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...say I had no idea that this could be used to hurt agriculture.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, when you heard it from me, there are those who shout Schmit is against the farmer, hypocrisy. You just heard it from Senator Chambers. He made my pitch. Senator Rod Johnson, being a reasonable person and an honorable one and a decent person, assumes that he's going to have 48 such colleagues. I've been here long enough, Senator Johnson, to know that is not always true. And as I look in the future, it's not always going to be true. You know what we're trying to do, very frankly, with this amendment is to give agriculture the edge. Now that reminds me of a friend of mine,