

explain. It is kind of a late notice, but on the other hand, we are after taxing agricultural land in its broadest terms. I think it could be correctly interpreted that way and it should stand. Now if we are going to get into the constitutional issue of interpreting the meaning of the Constitution, I am not qualified to do that. I am not a Constitution lawyer. I don't even have the definition of the word "tax" in front of me at this time but it doesn't seem to me that what we are intending to do here is that far out away from what the words actually say. Now I would accept a question back, probably dangerously so.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Just call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Rod Johnson, please, to close.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Quickly, I have four points to make. Senator Hall, I wholeheartedly agree with you that the reliance upon the property tax has been excessive and that it is necessary for this body to continue to move forward to provide some meaningful property tax relief, and I think we have several vehicles in which we can discuss that aspect. Senator Chambers, I apologize for the construction of the amendment, that it may be necessary to reexamine the construction of that sentence. We have some time between now and when this bill will be back on the agenda to examine that and, hopefully, we can clarify that situation for you and for the body. To Senator Schmit I would just say that I am not planning on asking the Speaker to bring the bill up again today. I think that there is several questions that need to be answered and I would like to take some time to examine that closer. Finally, to Senator Conway and others who indicated to us that I told you so, I am waiting for your responses as to how to deal with this problem because I fully admit that I don't know if I have the absolute answer. If you do, I am sure more than happy to listen to that because I don't