

Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 83.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Move on to Final Reading of LR 2CA. Mr. Clerk, you have something on the bill (sic)?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to bracket LR 2 until January 3, 1990.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, this will just take a couple of minutes I think. I just want to rise once again and raise an issue with the vote on the constitutional amendment, LR 2, this morning. We went through the debate last time and Senator Schmit had raised some issues, and Senator Johnson amended the bill, but it has been such a short period of time since then, I have just simply been unable to pursue a handout that I distributed at that time talking about agricultural property tax treatment. Now the bottom line of the studies and the research that I have seen indicate that ag land values ought to be recognized as being over...overvalued, that we need to provide assistance to our farmers and our agricultural producers, and that some method needs to be developed to do that. My concern is that in looking at that and trying to find, you know, exactly what the best solution would be to the problem, that I did discover several states that have maintained the uniformity clause, which we are trying to strike, in essence, in this amendment, that would maintain uniformity and yet still provide the tax relief on a need basis and a targeted basis that our ag producers and farmers need in this state, and do it across the board. The circuit breaker concept which is used in Michigan and also utilized in Wisconsin I think is a fairer system, one that I think recognizes the potential of renters and providing them with tax relief, in targeting the actual need for tax relief, in trying to do it in uniform fashion. For a number of reasons, there is, I think, a better way to approach this problem than LR 2, satisfying the needs of our agricultural producers and yet still doing it in a fair fashion, one that is, I think, much, much better for many different reasons than what we are proposing in LR 2, and I only raise that simply because I recognize after the studies have come out that LR 2 is a legitimate position in trying to find a