

solution to the problem. And as I was looking at it, thought, well, the question I have had on it is it will provide tax relief in some cases to ag producers that really have the financial means and ability to pay for those taxes, and that it really doesn't necessarily provide the best targeting of tax relief, that it really is just an open carte blanche reduction in valuations and not based on the uniformity question, which again has been a problem for urban citizens. Why make the distinction between rural values and urban values? Why not have uniformity? And it is because of those questions that I looked into this further and found, well, we need to help this problem, but at the same time, how do we answer those concerns about uniformity, how do we answer those concerns about meeting a need's test? And, frankly, I think that this is the better course to follow, but at the same time, I understand the dynamics and the political situation we are in. We have got two bills tied together here that people want to vote on today. I know there is little or no support to pursue the idea of waiting and studying further the other alternatives that we have, and so I don't plan to pursue this motion to bracket, but I wanted for the record to state that I think LR 2 addresses an important issue. I simply feel at this time there may be a better solution that we haven't had the time to look at, and there is no reason to act today on LR 2 when it won't be on the ballot until the fall of 1990, next year. We could wait and look at the issue and come back next session. But I understand the supporters of this have waited a long time, they are concerned and want to see action taken. I am simply raising the potential of a better solution out there we have yet to address. And so with that, I would withdraw this motion to bracket, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, the motion was withdrawn. Okay. Would you please return to your seats, ladies and gentlemen, and we will begin reading the bill. (Gavel.) Will you please return to your seats so we may read the bill? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LR 2CA on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LR 2 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.