

everybody equally, I think we should hold that process through all the way through, and I guess I am concerned that at this juncture we are trying...we are still trying to somehow find a way where maybe ag land can get thrown out and the homestead exemption is all we have left. Well, that is certainly not what I have been working towards and certainly not what I have tried to work with, and as we have tried to work all the way through this bill all the way along, but I think we should be, you know...obviously, the bill, I am still going to vote for the bill if this gets on but I think you are seriously damaging and threatening a well-crafted, well-balanced piece of legislation. I think if the Conway amendment gets on, I think we may have some concerns about what exactly it is that we are trying to accomplish with this bill and maybe some of those people are going to be right that said, watch it, Hall and Chizek are out to get you, and maybe this is just going to show that that is what happened. So I strongly object to this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Someone said now the fun is about to begin, and it has already begun, and not very many people have spoken yet. I believe that it is good that we have a chance to perhaps get a little bit of a warm-up session on this before we get into the main portion of the bill, kind of get the load shook out a little bit. I guess that I can see why there might be some concern. I know that, and we all know, of course, that homesteads are provided especially for in the Constitution and that we can provide for exemptions. There may be some question, and I believe Senator Haberman has raised this question, and if he has not, he will, relative to the either/or choice, the flat exemption or the 8.5 percent. I thought the "lovefest" was still going on, and I don't know how, Mr. President, if the principals are going to listen and learn anything, they ought to listen to me once in awhile. They have been doing this all by themselves. They have been doing this all by themselves for the last three months and I am only going to have five minutes, and then they can go back to visiting again, but I am telling you the bill, notwithstanding, notwithstanding all the efforts, and I appreciate the time that these people have put on it, everyone of them including the Governor, but I just want to express one little word of caution, that Senator Conway has touched upon a raw nerve, and we recognize that this does not have the imprimatur of the Attorney General on it, and it does not yet pass the final muster, has not yet passed the final muster, so,