

of that land is paying higher taxes because the land is valued higher and so I think that we certainly need this in to be sure that we exempt center pivots. And we did put in there that it would have to be used for agricultural purposes. I think this is fair, I think it is just and I feel that we need to keep this in, and so I would urge you to oppose the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The portion of the committee amendments that Senator Chambers' amendment would strike was brought to the committee, as I stated before, by both members of the agricultural interest groups as well as Senator Rod Johnson, and it was brought as an amendment so that there would be no change basically in what was done in practice currently as opposed to what would happen if there was not a specific exemption allowed for the changes that would be made in LB 1 as it was introduced. That is the reason behind the amendment, part of the committee amendments as they are drafted, so that the current practice would be incorporated along with the changes that would be applied through the committee amendments in LB 1. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Lynch. Senator Chambers, do you wish to continue on?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. I want to earn that money that the Legislature pays me. This, that I'm going to talk about now comes from a case handed down by the Nebraska Supreme Court, and it has some very worthwhile language that I want in the record, and this is State Securities Company v. Ley. It's from 177 Nebraska, starting at page 251. It is discussing Article I, Section 16, and Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution, both of which deal with special legislation. And the case says, Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of this state provides in part, "the Legislature shall not pass local or special laws". The provision prohibits the Legislature from passing any act which does not operate equally and uniformly upon all persons in a class. Article I, Section 16, Constitution of Nebraska, prohibits the granting to any person, any special or exclusive privileges or immunity. Then I go on to page 259. The rule established by the authorities is that while it is competent for the Legislature to classify, the