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the Uniformity Clause was a protection to the taxpayers, which I believe because I voted against the amendment to classify farm property, which probably is not in my interest, but it is my interest as a state senator to believe or to pursue the policy that I believe is correct, which is try to retain uniformity. I have strong reservations about expanding it. But we do have a constitutional amendment on the books now that does permit the classification of personal property, at least in one case it was held up, in the Stahmer case. Unless the court reverses itself on that one, this provides an opportunity whether or not to test, very clearly, if this is a distinct and separate classification that is within the Constitution as permitted by the amendment that was enacted in 1970. I would hope that the body would approve it and look upon it as exactly what...that's what it does. I don't know how else to explain it. I don't know that anybody holds it out to be the solution to all problems for all time. But I do believe it is the solution that has potential to the current problem and the 243 cases that are pending.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 7 to E & R initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 7.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Do you have anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Rod Johnson would like to announce that the Agriculture Committee will meet in Room 1520 at four o'clock for a confirmation hearing that he promises shouldn't take too long. Agriculture Committee in Room 1520 at four o'clock.

Mr. President, I have a new resolution by Senator Hefner, that will be laid over. (LR 9. See page 126 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: May I have your attention a moment, please. Speaker Barrett has advised me that he wishes to take up motion seven which is Senator Warner's LB 6 at this time, then we'll follow with Select File after that is handled. Mr. Clerk.