

has explained the situation very well. I am much more comfortable with this than I have been with any of the previous versions of LB 1. I think as a result of the action taken yesterday, it got the attention of certain people and made it much easier to draft a simplified version which does what the Legislature and the Governor wants to do, yet retains much of the original language in regard to real estate so that we don't inadvertently do some things we do not want to do. I think it's a good piece of legislation. I would ask that you support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this amendment and I want to commend Senators Lamb and Conway for bringing this to us. As you know, yesterday I was a little uncomfortable with the Conway amendment. I really didn't have enough time to really go through it and understand it fully, but there was several words and sentences that concerned me, and so that is why I opposed it. However, he did get 25 votes and after it was on the bill, well I was a little more disturbed because I felt that it didn't do what I wanted anyway as a description to real property. I think that as this amendment is written does that. I think that it's very good and so I would urge you to support the Conway-Lamb amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, Senator Kristensen on deck.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that what we're going to pass here is not going to make any lawsuits go away. In fact, I think we'll have some more as part of this action. It merely is a stopgap and I really believe that when we start our session the first of January 1990 that we need to seriously, all of us, give consideration toward a general reform in the way we are addressing and describing our real property and taxing it, but we have no choice. We have to protect this tax base for 1989. That is why we are here in 1989, because we cannot protect 1989 tax base in 1990. Therefore, I would reluctantly support this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I, too, tried to help Senator Conway to draft a definition that would include everything that we wanted to include without having a laundry list. Quite frankly, as a lawyer I would love