

Constitution, and I guess you also have the whole issue of...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...the classification. Is this an opening, Senator Conway?

SENATOR CONWAY: Sorry. Yes, it is.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. The whole issue of the, I guess, valid government purpose by which you are determining this preferential treatment, if you will, of ag land. I, as you know, have not...I think it was alluded to in Senator Rod Johnson's comment, have never supported amendment one or amendment four, and I did it solely on the basis that I don't think you accomplish your end. I'm not sure, on 320, whether you accomplish your end. I know it's much closer toward that end being...having a constitutional manner in which to provide preferential treatment for agricultural land. I'm not sure that you're there yet, and that's the reason that I'm going to be opposing it. This is not an attempt to delay this bill. I think I have worked in a good faith manner toward bringing not only 404, as quickly as possible, to the floor, but introducing the bill and then working with the committee and Senator Landis on advancing the committee amendments to 320 to the body. That's not the question. This bill should be voted on before noon. It's the only amendment that I intend to offer to the proposal on General File. The question, I guess, continues to be, is this something that (a), we can do, that we have the authority to do it and do it constitutionally. I'll argue, and I'll continue to argue that, no, it's not. Will it be challenged? I don't know. Hopefully, it won't and there won't be a problem. I have acquiesced to the issue of the voters have voted on it and that we want to treat ag land differently. This does not jeopardize that. My amendment does not jeopardize that. It gets you to the same place. The whole question that Senator Johnson posed to me, that I said...I think I responded yes, I think you could argue that, the whole question that he asked about where does this leave us in relation to ag land as it was valued prior to amendment one, in other words, aren't we moving up, aren't we getting closer to 100 percent than we have in the past. Yes, we are. And, frankly, we don't have any choice but to do that. Amendment one or not, we don't have any choice but to do that. The question, I guess, is one of where are we at right now. With the passage of 404, we've put off the