

that you can justify, within the confines of the Constitution, for treating this type of property differently than any other type of property? I would argue that you can't. I would argue that you can't. And there is nothing, nothing in what the people voted on, nothing in what was argued, other than tradition, what we have traditionally done has been pointed out, treated ag land differently in terms of being valued at a lower level. There is nothing out there that says that what was voted on and what is in the Constitution doesn't allow, does not allow for that to be valued over and above 100 percent of market. With that, Mr. President, I would respectfully withdraw the amendment, because the point, I think, is made.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. We are back on the Hall amendment. And, Senator Schmit, you are the first speaker.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, Senator Hall has probably just earned himself a place in the hall of infamy insofar as farmers are concerned, because notwithstanding the fact that he offered the amendment somewhat in jest, and that he immediately withdrew it, that never ever works, Senator Hall. I voted for... I voted for a sales tax on newspapers, and I've reaped the rewards ever since. But the point is this, Senator Cudaback just came down and said, didn't you say something about this happening a long time ago? I said, that is exactly what I said, that's why I did not support amendment one. On this floor today, there are not enough rural votes to vote down the previous amendment of Senator Hall's, if, in fact, if push came to shove. That's a fact. The day will come. We have had urban-rural splits in here in the past, we're going to have some more. As the need for revenue increases, ladies and gentlemen, you're going to find all sorts of activity involved in this thing. And one of my concerns, and I voted to adopt the committee amendments because I wanted to discuss the bill, I didn't want to get bogged down, but my principal concern with the committee amendments, and the reason that I would prefer Senator Hall's amendment is because there isn't a person in this room that can take the committee amendments, as they stand, and tell me what the taxes are going to be on my farm tomorrow. You can do that with 524, or Senator Hall's amendment, eighty percent of the land value of the manual and that's it. Maybe it has to be 90, maybe it has to be 110, 150, who knows. But we know what it's going to be. Given the committee amendments, we do not know. And it provides an excellent opportunity for chicanery and adjustments and the raising of revenues, and that