

whether that be ag land or whether that be homeowner, whichever they may be, and I guess, obviously, that depends on how you distribute the money. There are a variety of mechanisms in this day and age where you can distribute whatever tax base you want to directly back to the local areas. And so you can give them...instead of giving them a dollar line appropriation that may or not grow, you can share with them a tax base that you know will grow. So that argument that many want to argue that this is like everything else in the past, that certainly doesn't have to be that way. And it certainly doesn't have to be the inevitable increase to the homeowner that some want you to believe. That's just simply not the case. Now, much has been said about the constitutional amendment as to what is necessary and it's one of those things that, you know, how many times have...once again the other night there was a call-in show on ETV and somebody called in and says, can't you read the Constitution? The Constitution...many people that are advocating putting things back on the tax rolls said, well, can't you read the Constitution? It says, very simply, taxes shall be levied by evaluation uniformly and proportionately upon all tangible personal...all tangible property and franchise. That's what many people say, you legislators can't understand that? And what you don't understand is that doesn't mean that farm machinery alone or grain inventory alone or business inventory alone would have to be taxed like that way. That would include charitable organizations as well. If that's all you care about is the uniformity clause, if that's what guides you, charitable things go on the tax rolls as well. Household goods have to go on the tax rolls as well. If you really want to believe that the only thing that is going to guide your discussion and your basis is simply the uniformity clause, other things in that Constitution that come after it must be thrown out as well. And, actually, if we do nothing, it's not just farm machinery inventory, grain inventory, that may go on the tax rolls. If you really want to believe that the uniformity clause is the supreme guiding doctrine, all your charitable institutions will go on the tax rolls as well, all your household goods go on the tax rolls as well. And so if you really believe the uniformity clause would guide everything, remember that. Those that want to read the Constitution literally also have to look at, you know, many have argued that, well, Section 1 is not the problem, Section 2 is the problem. It's been so bastardized by the Legislature, none of the exemptions work. When you look at what's in...what are the exemptions in Section 2? Horticulture societies, education and