

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...property, all property tax uniformly...shall be taxed uniformly, all property is all property. All property cannot be all property, except for what we haven't talked about yet. It will come on later.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Ashford, you're next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise to oppose the amendment. I'm one senator who is agreeable to making changes in LB 1063 to accommodate the various economic interests that exist across our state. And I tried to show that the other day when I offered some amendments on exemptions on farm machinery. But I think that the issue here is a legal one, primarily. And that's the issue that I think we have to address ourselves to. I don't know...there's been discussion back and forth as to whether or not, if we pass 1120 or 1063, which one would persuade or dissuade voters to vote for or against a constitutional amendment. And I don't know the answer to that. I don't know what the voters will or will not do. I do think, though, there are two separate...One thing I do know for sure, though, is that if we load up whatever it is that we pass with a lot of amendments that are not directly related to the underlying piece of legislation, I think the chances of it...of a constitutional amendment passing are extremely remote. I don't know either whether or not the MAPCO...could I get a gavel, just because I can't...could I get a gavel, Mr. Speaker. Could I just get a gavel real quick, I can't hear what I'm...

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...and I'm not sure, either, whether Senator Lindsay is correct about the impact, and Senator Withem, about the impact of the MAPCO case. I don't know because quite frankly we haven't had a case supplemental to it that would interpret it as it relates to real property. We don't have anybody, legal scholars, writing on it, that I know of. I just don't know what it means. But we do have, on page 120 of the Journal, we do have the Attorney General's Opinion in answer to a question on assessment dates that was asked by Senator Warner. And Senator Withem drew my attention to this, and I have read it. And I think it's valuable that we do read it because it does, in my mind at least, create a real question, a very