

real and personal property from the uniformity clause. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Lindsay, you're next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I rise in support of the Hall amendment and I guess part of it is simply out of the feeling that I've had for a long time that the uniformity clause is important. And, as we're tinkering with it, it's important that we do so carefully, that we do keep some protections in there simply because of the uncertainty of what future Legislatures can do. Certainly, it's important that Legislatures have flexibility but at the same token it's important that there be certain restrictions on those Legislatures to keep them from unfairly treating different classes of individuals, or, in this case, different classes of property. I'm not...it's not a matter of, I guess, supporting this real strongly, I'm just simply at this time not convinced that this language is not needed, that there isn't some need within...even within the personal property portion to have some sort of uniformity. While I certainly agree with the concept of the LR, and that is splitting out the real and personal, I think Senator Kristensen is correct that real and personal are two different types of property and there does need to be different treatment of the two. I can agree with that and I do support that concept. But, at this point, I guess I'm just not convinced wh^{at} this language should not go in and the harm that might come from that as balanced against the good side of having the uniformity provision applying to that. So, I guess, at this point I intend to vote in favor of the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm trying to also to understand this amendment. And this is so difficult. When we're trying to interpret prior cases and apply them to a new set of circumstances because I don't...I'm not sure that we have ever been in a situation where we, in this area of personal property taxation, where we define specifically...or maybe we have been and I just haven't been listening carefully, where we define specifically a way or a means by which we tax tangible personal property and put that in the Constitution. I think it's a fairly important amendment and, Senator Kristensen, could I ask you a question because, for the record, I...