

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend Senator, AM3408, and I believe you distributed copies of the amendment on the members' desk. (Schmit amendment appears on pages 1296-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What was the number of that again?

CLERK: 3408, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: 3408?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Fine. AM3408, ladies and gentlemen, is a very simple constitutional amendment which exempts all personal property from taxation, vote for or against. That's all it does. I believe that is the kind of an amendment that ought to be presented to the people. You've rejected the Moore amendment and you gave some excellent arguments both for and against. I'm not going to speak any more on this amendment. If you want to discuss it any further, fine, if not, I will have a closing and that is all I will do. But I want to say that I believe this is the kind of an amendment that ought to be presented to the people if it's technically incorrect, and there may be those who can find those kind of imperfections in the amendment. Those can be corrected just as can be the imperfections in 219CA, but I believe that if you offer this kind of an amendment to the people, they will know what they are voting for. If they vote for it, then we know it is exempted. If they vote against it, we know that we're back in the frying pan. But the most important issue that we have here to decide is that they understand clear and above board what they are doing. The risk to agriculture in this is great because again, there would be a certain amount of satisfaction in large numbers of urban residents voting to put all of the taxes back on personal property, but if the issue were combined together, we ought to get a fair shot and, therefore, I offer that amendment. I will not discuss it anymore until closing and if there is no other debate, I will also withdraw that amendment.