

way, and maybe we could look at that. Possibly, we could look at a percentage valuation method across the board that would be less than 100 percent in dealing with the various types of personal property. Possibly, we could look at Senator Lindsay's suggestion of a 30 vote, 30 votes again as a potential...potential way of dealing with exemptions in the future. I really don't know. I would prefer that we do something now. Another problem I have with not doing something is LB 829, and some of the inconsistencies and inequities that are built into LB 829, primarily the depreciation surcharge as it relates to owners of commercial real estate. Those individuals who pay real property tax, and then are taxed as well on the depreciation, I think that is an inequity that I would like to be able to deal with that we could deal with...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...potentially this year if we were to put into effect a constitutional amendment, but I do not intend to vote for the advancement of this proposal at this time as it is now constituted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I am afraid this is going to sound like a broken record because I am going to reecho what Senator Wesely and Senator Ashford have already said. I, too, have reluctantly come to the conclusion that I cannot support LR 1, even though I was one of those 35 votes in the regular session. Things have changed, the dynamics have changed, and I truly believe that it behooves us all to come to a vote on this issue, and see if the votes are here, and if they are not, to sit down and talk about it together in a spirit of trying to do something that will work for this state. And I believe that if we do not do something in this session of the Legislature, that we will be back in special session later this summer. So that if you are planning a trip in August or planning going to the NCSL conference, I think that there is every possibility that we will be back. We do need to solve this problem. I concur with Senator Wesely and with Senator Ashford that we do need to be concerned about the homeowners, whether they be in a rural setting or an urban setting. But I also feel that we need to be concerned about the economy of this state and the health of our agriculture, and our business. So I don't think it is all one-sided. I would like