

state. Supreme Courts will change depending on who the Governor is, but the issues will never change, and the need for uniformity should always be there. It would be interesting for a farmer to know what, in fact, tax he would, indeed, pay as compared to what we assume he might. And think about this from a practical, political point of view, if homeowners were told what they would pay in tax if the Supreme Court decision were implemented before a constitutional amendment was put before them and they discovered, for example, that they were paying 75 percent, maybe about what they were paying before that decision were implemented, how many do you think would support at a special election or any other election maintaining the status quo? And therein lies our most important responsibility. If you are not going to be fair enough and honest enough to tell the taxpayers in this state what, in fact, they are going to be paying, let's not be putting constitutional amendments or anything else before them without...and, in fact, suggesting that this is a way to solve the problem, when you all know in your own hearts it is not. It is simply a way to perpetuate what we now have, hoping we can find something that will get us by the courts. And that is sort of the bottom line, and we can do better. It is not that complicated. It can be worked out. All we have to do is be willing to give, all of us, give a little and take a little, protect those things that we...a lot of us supported.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: Supported a lot of the farm issues, Howard especially, I think, can testify to that. I know Loran Schmit has traditionally always supported those issue that were important to folks who live in urban areas. Everybody has given and taken a little. But at this point in time, we have to be informed, and none of us really know, do we, what the effect will be? The Department of Revenue has the numbers, by the way. They are not that difficult to get. It is about 500 million bucks. Just imagine, went back on, there could be a billion, seven hundred million available to local jurisdictions. They only need a million, two. You figure it out, how much tax would you pay if all that were collected? Let's tell the folks what it is all about.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Next is Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Question.