

that 25 of us can agree on but 40 of us will never agree on. And that will mean that we will not give ourselves or let the public give us the power to find and fashion...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...any other response than what the court has given us. And, for that reason, reluctantly, I'm going to vote against this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Ashford, your light is on now, did you wish to speak again? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I reluctantly cannot support this amendment. And let me explain some of my problems. One of them, Senator Beutler, and if you would care to respond to a question I might have, feed, fertilizer and farm inventory shall be exempt according to your amendment but, for instance, grain, livestock will not be exempt. And that gives me a problem. For one thing, I don't know the difference. I don't know the definition of farm inventory. I don't know the difference between feed and grain. If I have a bin full of corn, am I going to call that feed which would not be taxed? Or am I going to call it grain which would be taxed? Now it will be very simple because when I go into the assessor's office I will call it feed because it's not going to be taxed. Livestock would be taxed and that, to me, is inventory. You have a breeding herd out there, that is my inventory, and that will be sold at some time. That's not logical, in my opinion, to tax livestock. Now as I hear more and more of the discussion, I'm being more and more convinced that maybe we should do nothing this session. I just guess I don't see this body coming to a consensus and, in fact, the fractures seem to be getting deeper. And if there is not...I guess I don't see the point in continuing on the discussion unless there is more indication than I've seen so far that the body has unified. When you try to get 40 votes for anything it's going to be really tough and amendments like this, I don't think, are going to help.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Crosby, you are next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I do thank