

right way to head. I'm not going to vote for this amendment and when people talk about I wish we would sit down and talk, well, sitting down and talk doesn't occur. When legislators talk to each other this is how it occurs, is on the floor of the Legislature and that's where it ought to be because it's too hard to get everybody, you get this group over here and this group over here, that doesn't work. The way legislators talk to each other is exactly what we're doing right here. And that's the way it ought to be. And is it painful? Yes. Is there things that you voted against that you don't necessarily like? Yes. Or there is an amendment like this that I would love to vote for. I don't think now is the right time to do that. And this is not uncommon. I think that the body is willing to sit here and work today. There are certainly needs that we need to do. There's reasons that we've got to pass a constitutional amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There may be people who disagree with the need for the constitutional amendment and would like to go home. I think the body is willing to sit here and do this because when you go home, if we don't, the eyes of the state are on this body today and those eyes are saying, are you going to fix that mess or not. And if we throw our hands up and walk away today, the respect for the Legislature is gone and we're going to turn the tax policy back over to the courts and we're just going to react and react and react. I will defend the courts for a long, long time and I've done that a number of times, that doesn't mean I agree with the way they have decided cases. And I think they are absolutely wrong the way they have decided these cases so far but that doesn't matter. What matters is that we either have to do one of two things. We either have to get rid of the uniformity clause or you have to put everything back on. Policy choices are pretty simple. I don't think the majority of this Legislature, and a vast majority, is willing to put everything back on for a lot of the same reasons that we heard here this morning.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: With that, reluctantly, I'm going to vote against this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Hall,