

otherwise get steamrolled. It would require that super majority. As we know, 25 votes can...is fairly easy to get, 30 votes is a little bit tougher, not impossible, certainly not impossible, and often times coalitions can be formed. But, if nothing else, those people who might otherwise be left out of those coalitions might have to be included in there, which again gives some say in getting the...getting a tax policy in place that is fair to...not only to the rural side, but also to the homeowners. Or even, we can flip that around, not only to the homeowners, but also to the rural side. But that's the idea. The idea is not to give an advantage of one side over the other, but to give some equality of bargaining position so that the net results, when we start talking tax policy, what should be exempt, what should not be exempt, that when we get to that the net result is a fairness in taxation. I would urge the adoption of the amendment, and I'd be happy to try to answer any questions that come up.

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Senator Lindsay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Elmer would move to amend the amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. The amendment to the amendment that I have proposed says that if you're going to change classifications on any type of property that we're taxing, whether it's real or tangible, would be subject to this same three-fifths majority. So in the amendment that's being offered instead of saying, any legislative act to classify tangible personal property, it would say, any legislative act to classify real or tangible personal property, to tax or exempt from taxation any class or classes, of all real or tangible pers...tangible property, or to change or repeal any classifications of real or tangible property shall be approved by at least three-fifths of the members of the Legislature. I'm not sure that this would be needed, given the uniformity clause. But looking at this amendment, I thought why does it take only 25 votes to classify property, real property such as land, and 30 to reclassify things, such as adding machines and typewriters. Thank you.