

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I also support the amendment. And to continue along the lines that have been addressed by Senator Hall, I'd like to ask a question of this body. Why is it desirable to repeal the equal proportion clause of the Constitution relative to personal property, where a multitude of inequity already exists, and it is not desirable to do as I have proposed, under LR 4CA, to repeal the equal and proportionate clause relative to real property? Oh, they tell me, you can't trust the Legislature with respect to real property. Well, ladies and gentlemen, there are many who don't own any real property and who are never going to be exposed to that kind of abuse, but who do have to own personal property, and are going to be further subjected to all kinds of abuse; witness what we tried to do several times here this week already relative to personal property. But the real irony of the opposition to extending the repeal of equal and proportionate clause to real estate is that we have already done so relative to 55 million dollars...55 million acres of rural real estate, that's gone. We did it with amendment one. Now, we would hope, those of us in agriculture, that if in the event the Legislature chose to address real property, as it extends to agriculture, differently, that they would assess it at less than market value. That's not in the Constitution. If we really wanted to stir people up, ladies and gentlemen, we ought to include in this amendment language that said, relative to ag land, that regardless of any other stipulations, agricultural land could never be valued at more than market price, but it could be valued at less. How far do you suppose that would go? Wouldn't get any votes at all. I would suggest that we're going to hopefully make this amendment a little better if we repeal this provision of the 30 vote rule, regardless of the fact that Senators Lamb and Chambers come from different perspectives. But the damage is probably already done, damage is probably already done, and the chicanery will proceed unabated in future years. I will support the amendment, I will still not support LR 1. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Moore, Will, Warner, Schimek. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. I share some of the concerns expressed by several of the previous speakers. I'm really going to, again, echo my previous points about 30 votes seems like a reasonable effort, a little higher effort to