

the reason we are very concerned about putting those two provisions in there.

SENATOR BROWN: And that's why I ask you whether the qualifying language you felt was enough of a protection for the ideal of uniformity, that qualifying language, that what would qualify as an exception...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: To do that.

SENATOR BROWN: ...to do that, but I still have grave concerns that the language of different classes of property is not necessary to accomplish much of what the committee wanted to accomplish in terms of allowing differences in...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to go on and, Senator Brown, I hope you'll let us use your amendment for awhile to discuss a variety of things because this constitutional amendment has a variety of things that I want to touch on and try to put it into some context. The first part of the constitutional amendment, as you begin to look at it, makes some changes and really is additions to what's in our present constitution. We have a section in there right now dealing with Section 15. It's the miscellaneous provisions of the constitution. It has a wide variety of things that we do in there, and one of them is Section 18, and that, basically, is the constitutional authorization for interlocal agreements. When the country, not country, when the state was formed, we had real strong township ties, and the townships were very protective of the county system. The county system was very protective of the townships, and that they wanted to be able to act independently. Well, it became very apparent over a period of time that if they were ever going to work together, they had to have some agreements. So they entered into those agreements, but there was really challenges that that was not permissible, that these were individual operating entities and they couldn't do that. In the early seventies, the state changed this and allowed for to make sure there wasn't any