

trying to find some way to put ag land at a less amount. I had a straight 80 percent bill that I supported. Ultimately, that's what we came to, although we did it in a different fashion. There were those that wanted to factor in some production costs or production returns and try to factor that in to the 80 percent but, by and large, what we did was statutorily put in 80 percent of market value. That's currently the law today. In effect, what this amendment will do is if it gets attached there will be other amendments then to take commercial properties to something similar. They will make those same arguments. There will be those that then want to do it to residential properties and, in effect, what you'll do is, at least in my mind, you'll kill the constitutional amendment because there'll be a lot of other additional people coming on. And what the amendment does is everybody will be able to give their vote for agriculture to be able to go stand up and say I voted for 80 percent in the constitution, and that's fine, but if this amendment is attached it will...the debate over property taxes will shift away from doing what we're doing in the revenue package and will then become a series of who has enough votes to give each other lower property tax value. And ultimately what happens is that equalization is so important that as you begin to tinker with and put this in the constitution you will build in those inequities and right now I, quite frankly, the 80 percent is a good figure. It could go higher. It also could go lower. But if we're going to freeze that in the constitution I'd prefer not to do it at this point in time. I support 80 percent of ag land valuation. I support it in the statute. That's where it's at, that's where it's working and, at this point in time, this is an amendment that would not be helpful to 292. It's not one that I'm comfortable in voting on, not because of the policy but because of what it's going to do to the rest of the property tax package. I would hope that...I know there are those of you who are going to want to get your vote in so you can go back home and say you voted for 80 percent ag land in the constitution, but know that if a number of...if enough people do that, that you'll successfully wind up killing LR 292CA. I'd hope you've vote against it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise to support the Schrock amendment. When we look at