

land that a farmer uses to grow a crop. And the risks they take are no different than a farmer's. They don't get the right price, they don't survive. They can go bankrupt. They got to borrow money. So I was just thinking, I had an amendment, I was thinking about amendment, I had Laurie draw one that provides that where, you know, provides that ag land values should be in the constitution at 80 percent, that these values on all these small businesses that don't receive any kind of an exemption from 775 or Micron or any of these other exemption bills would in fact be in at no more than 80 percent either. Well, we start doing that, I guess, and we start to consider homesteads the same way. being an 80 percent, then 80 percent can be in the constitution but it's actually 100 percent because then everybody's in at 80 percent except for those that still have exemptions through 775 and the rest. It's kind of a dangerous thing. It's in the statutes very well, very well said by Senator Brashear, and it's not going to change unless we want to buy some insurance and protect our tail and say it's got to be in the constitution, that does raise all kinds of possibly terrible problems with this, with this bill. I have sympathy. Have a lot of farmers in the family and always did bother me that they didn't have to pay any tax all the equipment they used to grow something, but I had to pay tax on everything I had to dig something. But, on the other hand, that's, you know, the mentality we have and I'd like to...I would support the motion by Senator Withem to reconsider and relinquish the rest of my time. Hope I got enough left, David.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Lynch. You have about two and a half minutes, Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I...my comments will be brief. I just want to congratulate Senator Schrock for bringing focus to this particular concern and, by the vote that was taken, provide some legitimacy to that concern. I also am going to support the reconsideration motion for a lot of the reasons that have already been stated. I'm not going to go into each and every one of those but, once again, appreciate the effort that Senator Schrock has put forth.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I feel a load off my shoulders. This is much