

year. Those fights are yet to come. I am bothered with some of the attitude here expressed about the interest in youth farmers for ag land. Actually ag land, I don't have the exact percent on the top of my head, but most of it, the majority of farmland is owned by off the farm owners, whether it be investor, other family members, or whatever, but when you are talking about this, it really wasn't necessarily a tax break for farmers. It is for those that hold agricultural land, for whatever reason they do. It's...so we have some of our logic twisted in that standpoint. Be that as it may, I am going to stick with what I have done regardless of what Senator Chambers may say about some of us. I think it's the overall right thing to do at this point for the state, and I will proceed to vote accordingly.

**PRESIDENT ROBAK:** Thank you, Senator. It is my pleasure to announce that we have a very special guest visiting the Legislature today. Senator Connie Day, from Norfolk, is here under the south balcony. Senator Day, will you please stand and be recognized. Welcome back, Senator. Senator Warner, your light is next.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Madam President, members of the Legislature, again, I want to...I want to repeat two things; one, that the constitution is adequate as it is now, but I want to repeat that if this 80 percent is put in the constitution, that that means somehow that ag land has to be treated the same, not true. Not true. All property can be assessed. This talks about actual market value. You can assess it at something less than that, and under the constitutional amendment on ag land, ag land can be assessed, not market value, it can have an assessed value at a different percent than other property. It is not building in a protection. It just simply is not, and it locks you in forever in addition till it was changed, if it was adopted, at 80 percent of market value as opposed to something other than market value, which I am not sure you could do it any other way, but, certainly you wouldn't be able to again. But I would urge you not to adopt the amendment because it simply isn't doing, in the long run, nor the short run, what you think you are doing because the constitution will still permit ag land to have an assessed value different than all other property. and you can turn around and whatever benefit you have with 80 percent of market value could all be gone depending on what the Legislature enacts for what the assessed value is. The constitution permits it, permits it now. Adoption of this amendment won't change it,