

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Senators, please return to their seats. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senators, please check in. Senator Schrock, you may proceed.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, when we convened at one-thirty this afternoon, I asked a couple of my colleagues to talk about this because I wanted everybody to have a chance to get back from lunch before we had a vote on this issue, and almost three hours later, we are still talking about the issue. I must confess that I was mildly surprised that I received the 25 votes on this amendment. I think the discussion was productive. A lot of issues have been brought forward that may not have had a chance to have been discussed had it not been for this amendment. I was a little surprised at the uproar that it caused when it did pass. Senator Withem, you made the motion to reconsider. I think you have the power at this time to defeat this amendment. I will give you that. Maybe this amendment is kind of a token or a message to those who own agricultural land that their property won't be valued at over 80 percent of market value. I think to change that next year or the year after that would be more difficult because of the discussion we've had this afternoon. For those of you who would continue to like to join me with a green vote on this, I would appreciate it. I understand that things have turned and that this amendment will not pass, but I will continue to support it. I don't think it's bad policy. We wouldn't be the first state to have this in its constitution or something similar to this. So with that, I will conclude my remarks, and ask for a board vote, a record vote on the board.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: A record vote on the board. Senator Chambers has requested a roll call vote. Have all senators checked in? Senator Abboud, please check in. The question before the body is the adoption of the Schrock amendment to LR 292. Mr. Clerk, please proceed with the roll call vote.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1783 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 22 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Schrock amendment failed. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk.