

that by a fair valuation for agricultural land on Amendment 4. I'll mitigate that by greater state aid, but I am not going to turn my back on the fact that underlying all of that is the difference in obligation and that obligation is the breeding ground of the inequity and I'm not going to allow people to purchase their way into extra privileges or different privileges or to be treated as a different class of citizen and to not be a citizen with respect to high school ownership. They don't vote. They don't run their own high school. They send their kids to somebody else's high school. They pay dearly for it for free high, I certainly would agree and you know what that means? The free high tuition mechanism isn't a very good mechanism at all. It's another purchase your way to equity mechanism and see where it's gotten you. Is anybody pleased with it? Is it too high for the rurals? Yes, it is. Is it too low for the urbans? Yes, it is. Is it in court on half a dozen places across this state? Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Has it been struck down in the Lancaster County Court as being unapplicable for next year? Yes. Does it require \$25 million in the last three years of repayments for people? Yes, it is. And that's the mechanism that we have tried to purchase equity with and it doesn't work. You can't treat citizens differently and then pay for it later and say, I'll tell you what, I'm sorry. Listen, here's a dollar, here's two dollars, I'll have a little extra privilege and a little different method of treatment, but this will be the difference. You can't find a purchase price tag for equity. You've got to put people in the same taxing districts so that that tax goes against their valuation because that's how the property tax works. Now it is a hard rule. It's a painful rule and three-quarters of the farmers and ranchers of this state bear that heavy burden. It's a heavy burden and I'm going to help them in several different ways, state aid, Amendment 4, property tax relief, but I'm sure not going to want to do that if not all of the farmers and ranchers are in that situation, but the 25 percent of them have a special set of classifications, a special set of obligations and special treatment. That's not fair and you can't buy yourself around it. That's why this amendment is wrong. That's why free high tuition is wrong. That's why any form of organization that doesn't tax people directly to run