

property. Under Senator Schmit's amendment, we could simply come in and do a classification system for all types of property. We could have as many classes as we wanted, and, essentially, this would get us very fast to the point where the proposed amendment is leading us anyway, and that is to a point where uniformity just doesn't apply that much anymore. So it is with a bit of intrigue that I will probably oppose the Schmit amendment. It certainly is something that if that is the road we want to go down, this is certainly a straightforward way of doing it, and I would certainly like to look at it more in the future.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Schmit, you know that amendment that you propose I would like to amend it, if I could. If you're listening, Senator Schmit, would you accept a friendly amendment? And that friendly amendment would be is we're going to...I mean, that Constitution is probably a little too long, let's get it down to where we can manage it. And the amendment I would propose would strike the entire Nebraska Constitution and replace it with these words, "The Legislature shall enact all laws which are in the best interest of the people of the State of Nebraska", period. And then we have total control over what we want to do in the best interest of the people, and we don't have to worry about some of these other things. Would you accept that friendly amendment?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Absolutely, with the provision I get to tell you why, Senator, because when you have removed the uniformity and proportionate clause you embarked upon chicanery and prejudice that will hand the cap...the minorities of this state and, therefore, we just as well let the people know exactly what we are doing. I have full faith and confidence in this Legislature. Sometimes it taxes me a bit. But I will tell you this, if you vote for my amendment and the people vote for my amendment, they will know what they're doing.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you. That's...and I think that's right, because that's really what we're here to do is to probably enact all the legislation that is in the best interest of the people, sometimes we don't do that very well, but I think