

railroads differently than other...than other property owners. And, third, it will add-back some of the revenue that the last two amendments took out. It is my intent with this amendment, frankly, and I visited with Senator Landis about this, I think he's in agreement with this, to offer it, to see what the reaction is. Is the supporters of 1120 would like an opportunity to add back revenue and feel supportive of it, we ought to go ahead with this amendment. It appears as though they're not, I'm, frankly, not that interested in pursuing it. But it will give us an opportunity to discuss the fairness or unfairness of the \$100,000 add-back. With that, if Senator Landis has anything to add, I would give him the time.

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SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I...I'm an opponent of 1120, but there are a couple of problems in its operation, which I would, in the event my colleagues wanted to, help solve. This amendment solves a couple of problems. Number one, you don't have enough money in 1120 right now to make it work. This amendment solves that problem. Secondly, 1120 has a challenge to it from taxpayers who may argue that they are being discriminated against because they fall on the wrong side of what is an irrational line, \$100,000. This would solve that problem by putting taxpayers in the same situation. That challenge could be based on the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. The third thing that this bill or this amendment would do, for those of you who supported 1120, is that it would...it would take out what is a coming problem of 1120. The \$100,000 language has heretofore been justified on one and only one basis. It's our way of making sure that centrally assessed property is taxed. That basis is now being read into the record. Believe me, that record will be used by the railroads when this bill, should it be passed, is taken to court and challenged under a 4-R statute. When the bill is challenged, under the 4-R statute, they are going to pull out several of the speeches that we've heard already on this bill, and they're going to read from the record that says the goal of the \$100,000 is basically to make sure that we get the centrally assessed property. And the railroads will say, look, they came after us, but they let other people out to the tune of 71 million bucks. That's discrimination. They might have been trying to do it, but because that was their goal, and because