

if we do not pass a constitutional amendment altering the Constitution's uniformity clause, that they will be back on the tax rolls and I don't...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...think we ought to be crafting these sorts of what if scenarios here on the floor of the Legislature so I am not going to support Senator Elmer's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Elmer, you're next.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, Senator Landis earlier in the session when we started to address our tax bills made a very compelling speech about let's get together, let's have some compromise, let's do some things that make things more palatable. Looking at this, why should some personal property addressed by the what if, if the constitutional amendment should not pass. Why should some personal property in the form of business inventories and farm inventories be put back on the tax rolls when household goods are merely your home's inventory? You have to have those pieces of equipment there in your household in order to conduct your household's business just like you have to have inventory on your farm or in your business in order to conduct your daily affairs of your business. It seems only reasonable that all the citizens of the state have the opportunity to view this in the same kind of light. What are we doing? What are we not doing? Why is some property exempt and why is some of it not? Yes, this is an opposite way of looking at it than Senator Hall had this morning. His would have removed all personal property from the tax rolls to make it so that it's more salable to the public for the CA. This goes the other way to make the CA more salable to the public. Why do we want the status quo? It's why we're in trouble. Status quo is something we can't keep. It just can't work. We need to have some give and some take to mold something that fits better, a little less burdensome in some areas, a little more contribution from some others. Somewhere in there there is an agreement in this body, surely we can reach it through some sort of a compromise. But if we can only talk of the status quo, heavens, that's not compromise. That's not working together. What do we want to end up with? It seems to me that there are individuals, heaven forbid, that would like to see nothing done in this session and it all automatically, as