

to our tax structure when we get to Senator Wickersham's amendment. Then we can discuss the issue that he will raise, which is more of a direct one of how much of a judgment do you want to...well, obviously, whether...what judgment you want to make on whether to pursue a case law or pursue trying to avoid that issue and do it by statute in a way that keeps us in conformance with the 4-R Act. So I would urge that the Moore amendment be rejected and move on to the substantive issue that directly affects the 4-R Act, and that would be Senator Wickersham's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I don't know what to say here. On one hand we are being told if we don't accept Senator Warner's amendment, why the railroads will take us to court, but I have been going around the state on my spare time talking to farmers, letting them vent their wrath on me for what we have done to them down here, and telling to them, trying to explain to them what has happened. And it is going to be rather difficult to tell them that, well, now the railroads really don't like this plan very well, so we are going to treat them special. I, for one, have been hoping the constitutional amendment is going to pass. And I believe if the Warner amendment gets adopted here, it is really going to be a tough sell. And one thing you will notice when you count the votes, the Third District has a little higher percentage of people voting than the other districts, so I think our vote out there is going to be very important, and if we make this more difficult to sell to the farmers, I think we are in trouble on the constitutional amendment. Maybe we are already. I don't like what's going to happen if the constitutional amendment fails. Some people say there is a remedy. We will come back with a special, I don't know that, and I try not to be much of a gambler, although by the nature of the business, I am...I'm in, I am a gambler. But all I know, Senator Warner, is your amendment is going to make my sell job a lot tougher, and I thought I was going to be doing a lot of selling here the next three or four weeks before the election. And I guess if the railroads don't want to be a player, or if they want to play on a different level, you know, collectively, I think farmers are probably paying...I think Senator Coordsen said they pay about 30 percent of the real property taxes, and there is only about four...and we are only about 4 percent of the population. And I don't see any class out there that is going to get hit as hard