

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you feel that there could not be an irrational classification of real property undertaken by the Legislature, irrational in the sense of not being logical, reasonable, and nonarbitrary. You don't think the Legislature would ever enact such legislation, even if pressured by a strong special interest group.

SENATOR WARNER: What I believe, Senator Chambers, is the current Constitution does not permit the...doesn't prohibit the enactment, but it would...does not permit the validity of that kind of proposal for greenbelt.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, here's what I'm trying to get to, regardless of what the Constitution says, this Legislature can enact any kind of bill that it chooses. And because it enacted certain pieces of legislation granting exemption to favor powerful special interest groups, we're here today with the problem that confronts us. With this piece of language that I was trying to deal with, there is the possibility that when we get through tinkering with the tax system, which is all we're going to do, somebody will see a basis for having the Legislature give them the kind of break that I'm talking about. And I do believe it will happen. Prior to ConAgra coming in here and beating the stuffings out of the Legislature on LB 775, it would have been difficult for somebody to stand up here and say ConAgra can do that. But they did it. And I would just like to have in the Constitution some words that would restrict these types of activity. Then the Legislature would have something to fall back on as the knees grew weak, as the spine grew limp, as the perspiration flowed because of the pressure. I hope that there is enough...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the discussion that we had to indicate, if this ever becomes an issue before a court, that we discussed these matters, that the Legislature did not choose to put any language in the Constitution to narrow this provision. And when a constitutional amendment is put on the ballot by way of a petition, the courts will say, regardless of what the Legislature says, there is no way to determine what all the voters wanted, so there is no such thing as a legislative history. But when we, as the Legislature, concoct an amendment, the discussion that we have and the reasons given for adopting