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terms of taxation cannot be assessed through an ad valorem tax in an equitable fashion. I am hesitant to vote no on the amendment to the amendment because I don't disagree with it, but I have lots of reservations, if we are going to start a laundry list of exemptions to put into the Constitution...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...because I think that flexibility ought to be retained by the Legislature in the future to add or subtract or partial, which is not permissive, if there is a flat-out identified exemption. There is no doubt in my mind that inventories will be exempt, even though it is permissive, because every logic tells you that it should be, but I am hesitant to support it at this point but, admittedly, if we came down to the last day and the last amendment, and the only way to get 40 votes was to do it, I would be willing to support it. As a matter of tax policy, I think the flexibility ought to be there for the Legislature to deal with each different type of personal property on a permissive basis and not have the problem of the uniform and proportionate clause that we have when real and personal...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...property are tied together.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Nelson, you are next. Excuse me, just one second, Senator Nelson, the Clerk does have an announcement to make first.

CLERK: Mr. Speaker, Senator Johnson would like to have a meeting of the Natural Resources Committee at eleven o'clock underneath the north balcony; Natural Resources, eleven o'clock, north balcony.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson, you may continue.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, at the first when I saw this amendment, I thought, well, now maybe, beside the fact that we should not put anything in the Constitution, that maybe we are gaining a little bit of ground here. I definitely do not want, as I said yesterday, a split between one entity or another, or one group or so on. Then when I read it, I think this is probably one of the poorest amendments that we