

1 two pieces of property in which the exact situations were
2 identical in all other respects except that the owner of
3 one was one whose usual vocation was that of a farmer whereas
4 in the other the owner was a person whose vocation was other
5 than a farmer, would the Legislature under 8.03 be justified
6 in authorizing a separate classification?"

7 And on page 7203 the committee spokesman said,
8 "I would argue most strenuously that it could not."

9 Now, if our objective is to help the bona fide
10 farmer, I say let us help the bona fide farmer. Let us not
11 help the land speculator. Let us not help the person who
12 is buying up farms and as a matter of fact is forcing
13 farming prematurely into decline in this state because the
14 tax situation permits him to buy that farm far ahead of the
15 time when he would normally buy it because under the tax
16 law he can hold it until it is really ripe for development
17 and for purchase which is the time that he ought to be buying
18 the farm so what happens under the law as it would stand
19 now or under the Barrick amendment or I think even under
20 the committee proposal, we not only lose the taxes but we
21 also lose the farms, so we are not achieving our objective.