

1 country boy myself and it has occurred to me that the
2 Committee on State Finance and Taxation and the Committee of
3 the Whole have already made the decision that we are going
4 to legislate in this Constitution in this particular area
5 by deciding what the only mandated classification of
6 property will be, and they have given elaborate rationale
7 in their committee report and in an explanation on the floor
8 as to what the objective of this language was, and it
9 seemed to me that there was a serious contradiction in
10 their explanation of what the objective was. In one case
11 they said their objective was to help the bona fide farmer
12 but not the speculator, and in another place they said there
13 would not be a reasonable distinction to classify one farm
14 as agricultural use when its owner was a farmer and classify
15 the adjoining farm as something else when the owner was not
16 a farmer but might in some cases be a land speculator. His
17 objective in the use of the land was not agriculture but
18 otherwise, so it occurred to me if we were going to
19 legislate anyway we should at least attempt to legislate to
20 achieve our objective.

21 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Adkins.