

1 the State Department of Assessment and Taxation which can
2 be construed as they were in the past to grant these
3 tremendous tax breaks to the speculator, and I ask you to
4 please support this amendment.

5 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Rosenstock.

6 DELEGATE ROSENSTOCK: Mr. President and fellow
7 delegates, it is very interesting to listen to our learned
8 city lawyers and our college professors from a large urban
9 county talk about agriculture. The definition in Delegate
10 Hanson's amendment you find confusing. It must be remembered
11 that the original constitutional amendment came about by
12 the Court of Appeals in its decision holding that unless the
13 Constitution made for classification of land it would be
14 unconstitutional. The amendment in our present Constitution
15 was then written. Under that amendment the Court of
16 Appeals was forced to hold that somebody who had bought a
17 farm, I believe in Montgomery County, who was not a bona
18 fide farmer, his land had to be classified as agricultural,
19 although the Department of Assessments and Taxation held that
20 it was not a bona fide farm.

21 Under this attempt to write an amendment to the