

what unclear, and quite frankly I would prefer to go back to the language that came out of Style and Drafting. Therefore I move that we reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 1-b passed.

THE PRESIDENT: I assume you mean Amendment No. 1 as amended by Amendment 1-b.

DELEGATE BARRICK: That is correct.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Barrick moves that the Convention reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 1 as amended by Amendment 1-b was adopted.

Is there a second.

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The motion is seconded.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Barrick to speak on the motion to reconsider. You can address your remarks both to reconsider and to the main question. It will save time to do so. Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. President and members of the Convention—

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: A point of order.

THE PRESIDENT: State the point.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Am I correct or incorrect in assuming that a motion to reconsider in Convention must lay over for one day?

THE PRESIDENT: A motion to reconsider a final vote taken on any question, I think is the language. That would not apply to this. This was a vote on an amendment. We have not yet voted on the committee recommendation. You would be correct as to reconsideration of a final vote.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I did not seriously disagree with it, but I did not want to start a precedent that we would otherwise be stuck with for the rest of the Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. President, I apologize for taking the time that it requires, but this amendment is very important to the counties who have agriculture as their main source of income. We were the leading agricultural county, and

we were replaced by two other counties. It is very important that farm assessment classes be defined and understood by all. I do not know what it means to own something as a farm. I do not think the language is clear. I prefer to have the original language that was adopted by this Committee of the Whole, but if we cannot have that then I would prefer to go back to the language that was adopted by the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement, and approved by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

THE PRESIDENT: Anything further?

DELEGATE BARRICK: Nothing further.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I would urge you to approve the motion to reconsider, and the provision as it came out of Style and Drafting. Believe me when I tell you that this has been the subject of a great deal of study and of thought and debate, and it comes as close as we can come to providing the machinery to protect the State, protect the farm owner, the legitimate farm owner, and also to prevent the land speculator from getting away with anything improper. I would like to see us go back to what originally was submitted to you, because then the legislature and the State Tax Commission can then provide the safeguards which are really needed.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. President and fellow delegates. I would like to support the motion. It seems to me that the original committee language as amended by the Style Committee has the virtue of clarity. We have adopted an amendment which has all the handicaps of nebulousness, and I urge the support of the motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. President, I hope the Convention will reject this motion to reconsider. We have gone through this process. It is altogether possible for the legislature to define what the words Delegate Barrick is confused about. That is what the legislation provides. What we are trying to do is to knock the land speculator out, and it seems to me we ought to say it in so many words, and not hesitate, and hope with vague language that the courts somehow will come around to per-