

1 event as may be provided by law and saying, classification
2 of real property may be based on agricultural use thereof
3 as provided by law.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Since that suggestion has been
5 made, I would like to make another comment; let me make
6 it desirable not to make it use that language, and this
7 is a matter that the Commission has got to consider very
8 carefully and ought to have some discussion about. One
9 of the real difficulties which this agricultural exemp-
10 tion is designed, agricultural special assessment is
11 designed to permit, indeed to encourage, is to not merely
12 the use of land for agricultural purposes as a matter
13 of good supply near the large metropolitan areas
14 which we mentioned as one of the reasons, but rather as
15 a means of slowing down the complete utilization of all
16 open area for improvements and all too often, unplanned
17 and unwise improvements.

18 So, when you have a real estate developer who is
19 looking ahead ten or fifteen years, goes out in the
20 country and buys a large tract of land, if as soon as he
21 does that, you begin to assess that land on the basis of