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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Carsten has stated my views and this is the reason I would ask you to call on him first, he is Chairman of the Revenue Committee. I think that I could support the bill for the new facility and the new equipment but there is just nowhere to draw the line when you go any further. You say worn out equipment is not going to be included if it has to be replaced. How much equipment do you put back today that could not be classified as upgraded or in some way better than the old and reclassified? To give you an example, the farm machinery. If you went today to replace a corn planter that you bought ten years ago, you would find an entirely different machine with a lot more gadgets on it and a lot more things on it that we didn't have that long ago. So if you want to leave the bill as it was so that just new machinery in a new facility, I think I could buy it. I reluctantly voted it out of committee. Happened to be the vote that brought it out, by the way. So I cannot support the bill if this amendment is added, and I might also say if this amendment carries, I have one ready to go for farm machinery. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Goodrich-Landis amendment and also to take this opportunity to tell my colleagues on the Revenue Committee, I told you so. I told you if you let this bill out of committee that they never stick to the committee amendments. I said, you know, this is an old game and we ought to learn it by now. I said, you know, what is going to happen is we are going to send this out with some committee amendments that you very sincere individuals believe is the only way we can deal with this issue if we are going to deal with it at all, and they are going to strip them off on the floor because in the end, you know, not very many people have served on the Revenue Committee, they don't understand the continual loss, and loss, and loss of tax base. They don't see how this all fits in. They don't realize that we have to draw some logical lines, because if you don't draw logical lines somebody comes in the next year and says, well you did it for manufacturing equipment, you ought to do it for machinery, you ought to do it for farm machinery, you ought to do it for some other areas and some other categories, and you know, if you don't draw these nice neat lines that at least you can justify, then there is all kinds of justifications that come in the next year, and many of you people who do not serve