

Senator Haberman's amendment. (Morrissey amendment appears on page 1177 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I'd ask the Clerk if he could read that amendment quickly.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morrissey would move to amend, on line 2 of the Haberman amendment, after the word "on", insert "agricultural machinery and equipment".

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Folks, it's another exemption. We've got a big problem in our district of losing sales of farm equipment across the border. It's a big problem and we can't seem to get that problem solved. We're having a heck of a time getting enforcement down there and we're losing big time tax dollars all across the state with this border bleeding problem, and we can't seem to get this problem resolved. Increased sales tax will hurt these people, it will hurt these sales, and I'm sure you all might have similar concerns on sales tax increases hurting certain people. So I think we should all start nickel and diming this bill, make our little list and line up with our exemptions up here and let's get going so we can get it all straightened out so it is palatable to everyone. But those lists, I believe, if I remember my history correctly, are what got us in trouble in the first place. It will hurt people in my district, it definitely will, and it can hurt them bad, they have been hurt bad already. But I think the overriding concern, the overriding concern here is fair and equitable education.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, excuse me, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, sir. I believe the concept of 1059 is good. A lot of questions have been brought up all morning long and all afternoon long that we don't take into account the CDs and the stocks. I agree that is a problem, but without 1059 we'll never be able to address those things. With 1059 we have a start on shifting the burden from property tax to other taxes. If we can get...gosh, I wish I could introduce a perfect bill and everyone here is pretty well aware that I can't, maybe others can, but this isn't perfect. It's not going to please everyone everywhere and if someone can come up with that type of bill, bring it right on over, I'll sign on gladly.