

back in 1976 when Mr. Peters and I decided that an airplane with a 600-gallon hopper on it is a piece of farm equipment, and we exempted it. Helicopters that carried the same kind of equipment were called farm equipment. Kind of liberal interpretation of the rule, but Bill agreed, and I was writing the bill, so it went along all right, and nobody challenged it. Some of my colleagues didn't even know their ag aircraft were exempt for two or three years, they kept on paying; we were, you know, the most informed folks. But, anyway, here we have a situation where we're saying, well, we were successful in bringing about the reimposition of the tax upon the turbine aircraft and the mainframe computers. But, by golly, we're going to be partly successful, we're going to hold this hammer, hold this hammer over the heads of those farmers and bring them to the bargaining table. I wish that Senator Baack would bring the hammer down on the block up there, because I get more feedback, back here, than I get from up front. But the facts are these, if we're going to use a hammer, the hammer ought to be used on my friends in the Omaha business community, and the Lincoln business community just as much as it is used on my farmers and cattle feeders. If you're not going to crack the knuckles of the one, then don't crack the knuckles of the other, because there is going to be a complete lack of interest, Senator Hall, on the part of your constituents up there in Omaha relative to coming to the bargaining table, because they already got all their chips. And so what you're going to do is bring those farm groups that really are not the most...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...dynamic lobbying group in the...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, just a second.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.) Could we kind of hold the conversations down. Senator Schmit is having a hard time. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Baack, you've earned my undying appreciation. (Laughter.)

SENATOR MOORE: Smokeless tobacco.