

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Lamb, is it your intention, I know in your opening you talked about taking the hammer out. That's what your intention is to do. You're talking about, I think most people in this body perceive the hammer to be reinstating personal property taxes on farm machinery, livestock, grain inventory, business inventory. Is that true, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: I think it also has to include business equipment, because the court has said that that's in the same class with those other things.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, well, Senator Lamb, understand...my...my...the answer to my...your definition of the hammer includes that then?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, it would, under this amendment, uh-huh.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. I just wanted everybody to understand that at least that's where Senator Lamb and I differ, I guess, because my definition of the hammer is returning things to the tax rolls which now are not. And I am supportive of taking that portion out of the bill, and Senator Hall and I may disagree on that, I imagine. But I think that Senator Lamb's amendment, I always am amazed at how the rural senators do the work for some of the more urban areas here. But, regardless of that...because what Senator Lamb's amendment does is it gives the remaining 8 percent property tax, remaining...it's now on the tax rolls, the centrally assessed, the business equipment, it's now on the tax rolls. Senator Lamb's amendment grants that an exemption on into perpetuity which is much more than the status quo. Now I think it's proper for this body, if you don't want the hammer in there, and your definition of the hammer is what mine is, is just putting things back on the tax roll, I would support an amendment like that. But with Senator Lamb's amendment you go a lot further than that. You're saying, court, we're going to roll over, we're going to exempt this personal property forever, or until the 25 votes attacks it again. And, unfortunately, in this body it's a lot easier to keep 25 votes from taxing something than it is to get 25 votes to take something out. And I think...I mean, all I would argue...I'm going to oppose Senator Lamb's amendment, because I think it goes a step further than many in this body want to do, you need to understand that. Because what you're doing is you're exempting all personal property forever. And I think a good judgment of what's going to happen when that happens next year, when it comes down to