

consider that. But we need to have something, some assurance for me to end up supporting this measure, some assurance that this is only a temporary solution, some sort of message to those of us that are working on the 3-R Committee that we have to look seriously at our overall tax structure. If you adopt the Lamb amendment, you're sending a message you really don't have to do that, in my mind. Therefore, I'm not supporting the Lamb amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Next speaker is Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I'd like to ask Senator Lamb a question, and you may take some time, if you need to, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But what are you...really figure that you're going to accomplish here as to Senator Moore spoke about the business inventory? Would you clarify that issue?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, would you respond, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, yes. See, my...let me tell you what my fear is, that if there is no action by the 3-R Committee, or even if there is action by the 3-R Committee and there's no action by this Legislature, then automatically everything goes back on the tax rolls. See, and I say that is not the way to operate. I do not think that everything should go back on the tax rolls, unless there is overt action by this body. Now Senator Moore says I'm also going to keep business equipment off. But, yes, certainly, the Supreme Court said that's what we had to do. I mean, we cannot have a different system for business inventories, farm equipment and livestock than we do for business equipment. So I'm leaving that just as the Supreme Court has ruled. And so, very simply, what I'm trying to do is remove the provision that says, if we do nothing, everything goes back on. Now it's easy to stall, it's easy to stall. If you want everything to go back on, it's a lot easier to stall than it is to do something positive to make that happen. And I don't want to be in the position, I don't want this state to be in the position of having something that we don't want to happen, happen automatically without overt action by this Legislature. And I don't think that's too much to ask. See, so