

Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I guess, the way I look at this, I shouldn't say compromise, because it isn't a compromise, but Senator Lamb is trying to make sure that nothing goes back on. Senator Warner is saying that we should put back on what's on right now. I have a hard time putting agriculture back on, when we're not on right now. It seems like agriculture is going to end up picking up most of the Supreme Court's ruling, if we don't put something in there that says that agriculture is not going to pick up everything. It just doesn't seem fair that agriculture is going to have to pick up one-third. If you have a home and you have a salary, the Supreme Court ruling means nothing to you at the present time. If you have a farm, and you don't make a very good income from the farm, the Supreme Court ruling is going to make a big difference because with the proposal you're going to pick up about one-third of the \$90 million. Now that doesn't make sense. It seems like what we should be doing is going to a sales or income tax where the whole state helps with the problem, helps solve this problem that we have, rather than going to certain industries and trying to pick it up. It isn't any certain segment's problem, it's the whole state's problem. So the whole state should have to help solve this problem. And that's why I think we need to go to an income, maybe on the top brackets. And I have that amendment coming up on the top two brackets, and I have a half-cent sales tax. I think maybe that's one way we could look at. Whatever we do here, I think we're putting too much emphasis on this 3-R Committee. I think we think they're going to solve everything, that they're God almighty, and they're not going to be. They're only going to do whatever the lobbyists will let them do. They're going to be controlled, just like they are back here right now. We're trying to control what happens. And I think we need to look at it and say this is something that is fair, that the whole state needs to share in solving this here problem, because it's a state problem. So, with that, I think I'll support Senator Lamb's amendment, although the Warner amendment is better than nothing. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in opposition to the Lamb amendment. I think a lesson has taught us time and again here, the history of this Legislature, any