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on the committee amendments at this time, you're not honest in your approach, so, fine, here's the amendment, I'll file it. It has the committee amendments to 1135 in it so that that would be the proposal that would do just this. It would change and take personal property off automobiles, off of motor vehicles as was my intent all along and I think the Revenue Committee's as well, that's why the bill got advanced out of the committee. It replaces it with a fee schedule so that real estate taxes don't go up, so the residential homeowner doesn't have to pay more with regard to personal, or real property taxes to replace what under the Lynch amendment would wipe out approximately \$100 million at the local level. It would protect that with this fee schedule. I have no problem supporting Senator Lynch's argument in concept. You just have to have the fee schedule to go along with it so that there isn't a loss at the local level with regard to revenue which then would fall back onto property taxes. There is no other way around it. If you don't put the money in, you're going to force property taxes up which, you know, my argument, I guess the argument that I heard all along on 3-R is that, that's not what we want to happen. With that, I will, again, I will have to oppose Senator Lynch's amendment, but I will offer 1135 in its amended form as it came out of committee as an amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Schmit, you're next.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I feel exactly about the Lynch amendment as does Senator Hall. Actually, there are those who from time to time think that Senator Lynch doesn't care about farmers, but I think this amendment shows that he does because Senator Lynch knows full well that farmers, more than urban area residents, do need the motor vehicles to travel to and from their place of business to conduct business. And so this is really a very favorable amendment for rural people and I commend Senator Lynch for offering it. I'm not so sure, Senator Lynch, that we need to replace the revenue. I've always been one of those who have said maybe we just tell local government that they have to do the same things that we are going to have to do and that is bite the bullet. We already have minimum maintenance roads in most of our areas. Most of the farmland receives minimal services while that farmland that we operate has no facilities on it which requires taxpayer services. It is not like a home in the city which has sewer, fire, water protection, all those other requirements. So I guess that from