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too, if anything is happening like it is in my district. I have said it again and it's been mentioned on this floor and I keep hearing it from different sources time and time again that 1063 is an Omaha...an Omaha Chamber of Commerce bill, pure and simple. Why wouldn't they like 1063? I repeated it the other day. By golly, business, like in Omaha, would have to pay very little. The farmer out there would be the one that would pay more. I'm coming to the conclusion that maybe one of these days I'm going to start supporting taking away some of the tax exemptions that we've given on 775. I wonder which they would rather have. But they want both, it seems. And I will tell you this, that I...if 1063 goes, I will not be one of those supporting to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot. I think that the Supreme Court told us that you take it all off or you...or you put it all on. And what's happening on 1063? You're putting some things back on, which I think is unconstitutional, you're going to have lawsuits. And if you think you're going to get the railroads, as has been repeated in here, and if you do try to, they will file a lawsuit and they're going to win, pure and simple. Maybe...there's some concern out there everything having to go back on. Maybe that wouldn't be all so bad. It might be devastating for this year but, by golly, it would wake up people across this state, and the cities and the little communities and that would come and shake their boots and they would start listening. And, for the first time since I've been in the Legislature, this tax proposal is finally waking up people across this state in regards to what is going on in the Legislature. And it's about time. I've been harping at my people when I talk back home, you don't pay any attention to what's going on down there and it's time you do. This has got their attention. And, Senator Warner, I would like to ask you a question, if you would, please. Senator Warner, you have not, in my mind, said exactly if I or somebody puts up an amendment and 1063 gets on the floor...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...to exempt farm machinery and livestock, will you support it? Yes or no?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Peterson, you know, over the years I have seen that tried time and time again. I'm not...I would not expect you to commit to an unwritten, unknown amendment, nor do I expect, nor could I honestly do the same because I don't know what it's going to be like. I don't know what the impact will