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SENATOR LAMB: ...nor anybody else will indicate with any forcefulness that those provisions will be adopted in 1063. And so I consider it very unfair, very unfair. Although the concept is acceptable, the actual workings of the bill is unfair to agriculture at this point. Now you have noted probably that I voted for the sales...the increase in sales tax and most of the other taxes on 10...or 11...what's the name of that, 70...1120, on LB 1120. But then yesterday, yesterday when the committee amendment did not advance, was not adopted, that's when I put my motion up there to bring up LB 1150. Not until then did I do that. But I saw at that point that evidently LB 1120 was showing some weakness and, as I mentioned on my statement which you have on your desk...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR LAMB: ...that I thought then that was the time to...

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator...Senator Lamb, time.

SENATOR LAMB: Oh, thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Schrock, please.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, is that correct, and members of the Legislature, I don't believe now is the time to dig our heels in. I'm not in love with 1063 and I may not vote for it. But if we do accept that as the al...as our tax plan, there are some very important issues here that we need to look at. Livestock being treated fairly is very important to me. I don't think it's right that one farmer's cow should be taxed and another farmer's cow is not taxed. That's not fair. And I think our sales tax on machinery has hurt a lot of machinery dealers in the State of Nebraska. And if the machinery dealer goes broke, and that's the only business you have in town, it's pretty devastating. But a lot of farmers have gone across the border and bought machinery. And I think it's not only hard on the farmers, it's hard on our machinery dealers, and nobody talks about the machinery dealers. And it's time that they get a break, it's time they play on the equal footing, the same playing field that the machinery dealer in Colorado and the machinery dealer in Kansas plays on. And so the livestock and the machinery end are very important to me. Now it doesn't make a lot of sense to take sales tax off of farm machinery and not