

frankly, I think also would be a better vehicle to do that than Senator Lamb's bill. So I think 1063 does deserve to come to the floor. I've heard some people this morning begin to utter the concern of maybe we ought to just let everything go back on and I would urge you, don't utter those statements unless that is something that you've thought through very thoroughly and would find that some of these other alternatives actually would be worse than that alternative. I've thought that through and I know where the various alternatives stand in my mind and I'm not going to stand and do any issuing of threats or anything along that line, but be very careful in your mind about what it is you're actually going to be able to go back, tell the citizens in your district that you supported and what you didn't. One of the concerns I have and I'm one of the three cosponsors of 1063 and the constitutional amendment. One of the things I'm concerned with with the line of conversation is it's almost like the whole concept of sales tax on farm machinery now becomes a given and that it's going to happen and I just want to throw in a little dissenting opinion on that particular issue. If Senator Peterson would have asked me how I would have voted on that, I would have given a very frank, forthright opinion. I would have voted against doing that. If it were a motion that would simply repeal the existing sales tax on new and used farm machinery, I would have voted against that. I've heard some of my colleagues make the statement to me before when I've asked them this question about what can you do for a sweetener? Is there anything we need to do with 1063 to put it in form where people can go back home in their district and say it was a compromise. Their response to me is 1063 is a compromise. If you realize that we start with the one position where we tax everything, inventories and equipment, livestock, the full gamut of what the Supreme Court struck down with MAPCO and the other extreme is that we don't tax anything in the personal property line. 1063 is already a middle point. Frankly, it's a further middle point than I thought I was going to be ready to go because of the manner in which we value that property. If you recall, Senator Beutler, during the special session offered an amendment to exempt inventories but to go ahead and tax machinery whether it be business machinery, centrally assessed machinery or farm machinery. That was my position. Frankly, that would probably be my preference if I could write an ideal bill, using a valuation system that taxes that on real...on actual value, on as close to market value as we can figure. 1063 moves beyond that to a more favorable approach and it's an approach that...