

struggled with this, that is the easy part of the struggle. The hard part is getting people at the polls in May, or possibly November, to come and vote in favor of this. Now imagine what we are doing, imagine that...and, remember, there have been people already organized on term limitations, on tax lids, on spending lids, on whatever it is, who are just fed up with paying increased taxes. Now imagine those people firing back up and running a campaign saying, vote yes if you want to increase your sales tax, increase taxes on services you get, in order to give business a break. Imagine what the people are going to vote. They are simply not going to vote for it. Now if what we do under this amendment is exclude sales tax on business and farm equipment, that is exactly what we are going to do. Now what I am hearing back in my district, and I have heard, I have heard the arguments on the floor here talking about how much we hear about how bad personal property tax is, and I am sure that is what you are hearing in your districts. What I am hearing in my district is I don't want this tax base expanded, I don't want taxes on services, because there is a mistrust of this body, probably a legitimate mistrust of this body, and that is if we have a tax base, we will use it. If we have a tax base, we will increase the taxes. Not this year, it will be a reasonable tax this year. But in the future, we will increase it, and I think the people know that, and we will try to tell ourselves we won't, but we will. And if we are taxing services, it is just a matter of time before the rate increases to the point that people are going to get even more upset. So if we think we can sell this to the people, I think we are being a little bit naive. The people are a lot smarter than that. I don't think they are going to vote to increase taxes on individuals, individuals, I might add, whether they be Joe Lunch Bucket, who just picks up a paycheck, or whether it is Joe out on the farm, who is just farming. Those individuals will pay increased sales tax, increased service tax, increased income tax, and if we look at this, if we just back up and look at the big picture, we realize that in trying to save a \$10 million shift to agriculture, we are willing to throw away \$90 million that businesses, primarily out-of-state businesses, are going to pay. And instead of doing that, we want to increase our taxes, and I will bet when you start...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...looking at the figures, in order to get rid of that \$10 million shift, we are going to...our ag sector will