

which is internally totally inconsistent. We are applying one principle in the one instance, and then the completely opposite principle in the other instance, which just shows that in a philosophic sense this Legislature has not yet decided what this debate is all about. I am interested in exploring where Senator Ashford is taking us. I don't know if he can get out of it without laying some heavy taxes on individual taxpayers, which I will not support, but I am willing to see if he can work it out somehow. I am interested in that because I am not particularly a strong proponent of personal property taxes. I would like to see personal property taxes off of business and off of agriculture, but I think we need to go further because this problem in our thinking, this inconsistency in our thinking goes deeper than just business equipment and farm equipment. Let's talk about other inputs into business and how we treat them, for example. On the agricultural side, for example, pesticides and fertilizers are an input. They are not taxed sales taxwise. Some of the businesses in Omaha have heavy costs, heavy operating costs that relate to paper, paper products, for example. Those are also inputs into a final product but they are taxed. They are taxed. So we have inconsistencies here that are running beyond one category and into many categories, and if we are seeking principles of equity, I think we need to look deeper. I don't know how deep we can go in this particular debate without confusing ourselves beyond redemption. But, in any event, I certainly support Senator Ashford's sense of equity in how he is handling this matter. He is handling it in accordance with the principle that we are adopting in LB 1063 as it applies to personal property taxation, and I would be vehemently opposed to distinguishing the two types of equipment and taxing the one and not taxing the other. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Warner, on the amendment to the amendment. Warner, Warner, yeah. No, Senator Moore, you are a little ways down the list. Just sit down, okay, Senator Moore. Senator Warner. I thought he can take his spot all over, yeah. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Whatever. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am sitting here trying to... we are supposed to be sending signals, I guess, this morning, in part, as we deal with these amendments. So I am tempted, I think, to vote for Senator Coordsen's amendment as a signal of good faith that I appreciate the issue on the farm side, but then I would probably vote against the amendment as amended, and I would state as for this