

pulled it because if you're going to do this, you have to do it to business equipment and I...not just farm equipment. And I appreciate Senator Warner's concern because that's my same concern. It's an either/or situation, tax them this way or tax them that way, but don't tax them both ways. And if we can clarify that even better, I'd probably support it stronger. I had a meeting with constituents last night in Palmyra and asked me about the removal of sales tax on farm equipment, is that a possibility? I said I can't support the removal on sales tax on farm equipment, but I can on business equipment and that seems a little inconsistent with my intent to expand the base of sales tax...the sales tax basis and that would be my preference to expand it to many things, but if we can't do that, we can't do that, then this is one step of a compromise I can look at. Again, I would not have been able to support Senator Coordsen's simply farm machinery sales tax exemption as much as I would have wanted to do that, as much as I would have wanted to do that, but I could not have done it. My implement dealers and my district is surrounded by three states without sales tax on implements, folks, so we are hit hard down there by that discrepancy, we're hit hard by that. But if we can come to some sort of compromise and this is a part of it, I'm all for it because, again, the worst thing we can do is nothing and the worst thing that can happen is the voters reject the constitutional amendment and that all personal property goes back on. I talked to many businesses yesterday and again I talked to some citizens last night and I quoted to those citizens the cost of \$80,000 new tax to my implement dealer in Tecumseh, the \$13,000 brand new tax, if everything goes back on, to the grocery store in Falls City. And those people last night in Palmyra said, but wouldn't that make my house taxes go down? And I said, you bet it would, you bet it would, but if you don't have a job, it doesn't matter how much your house taxes go down because you can't pay them. If your employer can no longer stay in business, it doesn't matter how much your house taxes go down because you're not going to have a job. So Senator Lindsay was talking about the intelligence of the voters on the constitutional amendment and I'll take him a little step farther and, hopefully, I'm right and I think I am, they're just a little bit smarter than Senator Lindsay gives them credit for. They won't just look at their house taxes, I would hope. They will look at the effect where that's coming from, why their house taxes went down and maybe that will have a more direct impact in the smaller towns because we have very little what you would consider big business. And the only people that can