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want to vote this amendment down, vote 1120 down, don't advance it, I don't care. I just made a try at getting this thing moved off dead center. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Warner, you're next, oops, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Ashford did make a statement in here and about what's in the bill, but as I've read through that amendment, Senator Ashford, there is a big difference in there and it's only about \$38 million worth of revenue difference and that isn't a matter of posturing, that's a matter of figures that are different. And before I'm going to get ready to vote for any of those amendments, I've got to know that what we're doing for one thing and I've got to know what those numbers are and I'm just telling you that the \$40 million figure that we excluded on sales tax of business and farm equipment is \$38 million off. That is not posturing, that's just plain, as I read the amendment that's in there, that it doesn't refer to only used equipment, it refers to used and new, all equipment. That's a huge factual difference and I guess it all comes down to this point, as you try to do these things on the floor, that, in the zeal to want to get something done, you can make huge, huge mistakes. Is that anyone's fault? No, not particularly, but in the bottom line before I'm going to get ready to vote for that, I've got to know what those figures are. Senator Ashford, that's the reason I asked you those questions, not as a matter for any other purpose other than to find out what the body is going to vote for. I don't think the body understood what they were voting for at that time. I'm not sure today they understand what they are voting for and, with that, I'm just telling you a word of caution, it has nothing to do with whether you're going to get in the paper or not, I don't care. But I do care about a \$38 million difference in funding and revenue. And, with that, I guess I'd urge the body to be extremely careful on these amendments as they come flying in here, to make sure you've got the right numbers. I don't think you do. I think there is a \$38 million difference that we're going to be short on this bill and it goes back that there's another more appropriate place to look for it and I think we should be debating that rather than these amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Withem.