

food, or be it rather tax on service, or my people that have contacted me, and of course that's not all of them, very firmly believe in an increase, a small increase in sales tax, the only fair tax. And they realize that you cannot move the burden back on the agriculture community because the income simply is not there. The small elevator operators made me aware there are large, large piles of grain out on the ground yet. They can't get railroad cars. It's rained on that grain, simply by putting a tax back on that you simply have eliminated those small elevators. And this is not anything that they can control. They are judged by world market. But back to my point. I do hope the Omaha senators, and I do believe that they are trying. And we all must swallow a little bit, and let's try to move forward. Because the instability, and a machinery dealer got ahold of me Saturday morning and his farmers are now refusing to pay sales tax on the equipment. They will purchase a \$15,000 disk this spring, and they will give him a check for 15,000, but they will not give him a check for the other 5 percent. And he says, I cannot continue to run my business, Arlene, I have 19 employees, I have not sold a thing in almost 90 days, and that actually goes back to last August. And he was very bitter. You folks have put me in this bind. And he is a large machinery dealer. And I have to agree, this is not his fault. But we do have to find some stability, we do have to compromise. And let's not try to say, well it pushes me on this, or I'm coming up for election, I can't vote for this. I don't know what to do, but we have to find a middle ground. And I do appreciate the fact that the Omaha senators do have a different constituent, and I do, to a certain extent. But we all will have to work together, or we'll find the economy of our state devastated, and that is the last thing that we want to do. I think that if we don't change the line of thinking here that that may be what will happen. And I just fear that. It's getting closer and closer to that, I think, every day. And the household goods, when I read the amendment nothing tells me that they're not...they're going to be exempted. Charitable goods, religious goods, there's a long, long laundry list there. Why should we assume? Sure, LB 775 was not directed, but I don't know why we have to assume that...sure, the past exemptions...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...there won't be any change. And I'm not saying that we should remove them. But I'm just saying that we should not just assume that it is going to be addressed. So all