

piece of legislation in my opinion as it relates to fair tax policy and where this state needs to go into the future. And you've got to remember, I've been accused of supporting the agricultural position all along on this issue. Frankly, it's been a tax policy position all along on this issue and this proposal, although I understand and appreciate Senator Johnson's position, because he is saying, I don't want to be a total loser out of this. If you're going to put it back on on personal property as it is depreciated, then I want to get something out of this proposal and it sounds like that is what the deal is all about down the road. That, to me, is...I think that, probably more than anything else we've talked about...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...and we haven't even gotten to the constitutional amendment, guarantees that the voters are going to look at the Legislature with more than a jaundiced eye and they're going to say that all you're really trying to do is feather your own nest depending on what entity, what group you tend to represent, and they're going to say, put it all back on, put it all back on. They're going to go to the polls and that's exactly what they're going to do. They're not going to understand, they're going to be confused, they're going to say, well the farmers are getting another break. And I was willing to go to the mat with them and argue that that's not the case, but this amendment, the ante is too high, ladies and gentlemen, it's the worst possible tax policy when you combine the two that we could ever come up with. And I would hope that we don't go this route. I would, although I understand and appreciate the motion to suspend the rules, I'm going to oppose that and then oppose the Johnson amendment as well.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak to the motion to suspend the rules. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: On the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. Senator Withem. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President, members, it would be easy for me to stand here and support Senator Johnson's motion because it is very, very difficult for those of us who see the policy of the State of Nebraska for the past 15 years slipping away from