

us to go home with an empty bucket so to speak, and, in fact, go home without even a dipper in the bucket and that may well be what happens if this legislative session proceeds as is now. It seems to be the procedure. It is interesting that we talk about policy some of the time and then we talk about procedure and then we talk about what is the right thing to do. If you look at the vote on the Hefner amendment, it is very obvious that certain groups, certain legislators voted their constituents' wishes and you can very rarely be faulted for voting your constituents' wishes. By the same token, those of us who oppose the reimposition of the tax upon livestock and farm machinery are criticized for voting against our constituents' wishes. I would hope that we will have some other opportunity to address this issue, Senator Rod Johnson, because I know it is an important issue with you and many others, but 15 years ago the body made a decision that we would pay the sales tax on farm equipment, that we wanted to be relieved of the necessity and the unfairness of paying the personal taxes every year, year after year after year. Now I do not know exactly what it will cost to take the sales tax off farm equipment, but I can guarantee you that with or without my vote it will not take place which means that the cost that I believe is about \$20 million must necessarily be less than would be to take the tax off of personal property. I think there is a way to handle it but I do not think it is going to happen here today. I think that if we are accurate with ourselves we have to know that there is going to be more revenue coming back to the local subdivisions as a result of the reimposition of the tax on personal property on farm equipment and livestock than we would get by saving the tax...by removing the tax from farm machinery, sales tax. There are those who say, oh, no, it's not going to be more than 10 million or 14 million or \$9 million. Well let me say this, not once in 23 years that I can recall have a projection as insofar as revenue to be raised been on target. Most of the time it is far below target and I would guess from experience that the revenue will be raised by the reimposition of those taxes on farm equipment and livestock will be far greater than that which has been promised to us. Not even the fiscal staff and the Department of Revenue can come close to agreement on that. My worst fears are along the same line as those of Senator Hall's, that there be a compromise package put together and with all respect that I can hand out to each of you, I want to tell you that a compromise which results in a sellout is not a compromise. A compromise, ladies and gentlemen, means that each side gives a little and when someone