

although it may be a partial deviation because it's not ad valorem market value as it was 20 years ago, I think this body have a straight...ought to have a straight vote on whether or not we want to totally exempt farm machinery from sales tax. And the arguments against that, well, it costs too much money. It may lose votes to 1063. By golly, it may be successfully adopted, an adopted amendment, and it may sink the whole thing. Well, it's one of those things if the majority want to do that, maybe we ought to look at that. And if it loses votes to 1063, it wouldn't break my heart at all. I don't want the bill to pass anyway but I think those that are trying to represent their constituencies, those that have said possibly sales tax, a straight sales tax exemption, a clean sales tax exemption is what it would take to get people on board on the bill and I will be very candid, to me, it does not get me on board to the bill. But there are many people, many farm groups that have said their support is contingent upon a sales tax exemption. I think it would be a major mistake for this body to preclude that sort of vote from happening. I think it is...you know, Senator Warner's amendment is better than nothing but it makes little sense to me to do something as convoluted and indirect as that amendment when you can do it directly with the Senator Johnson amendment. But I guess that would be consistent with the overall theme and writing of 1063 because it's as indirect and as convoluted as possible to get somewhere. But I think this body should suspend the rules and I think even those that are ardent supporters of the 3-R plan, even those that are followers of the Nelson administration on this tax issue, I would ask that they do suspend the rules so we have a straight vote on Senator Johnson's amendment. I would vote for Senator Johnson's amendment. I would vote to suspend the rules. I urge the body to do the same.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Lamb, you are next.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I also rise to support Senator Johnson's motion to suspend the rules. We have been debating this issue for a number of days, a number of days. We're getting tired of it. We're getting tired of it. I like to think that I was one of the first people who said that I could support 3-R with certain amendments to it. I still stand by that. But this, as I understand Senator Warner's amendment, and I wish Senator Warner was in the speaking order just ahead of me, but it did not work out that way, but I think I