

agriculture. Yesterday morning, I had about 75 to 100 farmers in and we talked with Governor Nelson. He said, I will accept a sales tax off of farm machinery. He told the group, I will accept the sales tax off of farm machinery. Well, here you're putting it right back on to agriculture again. He said if we can find the funding...you're only taking off 4 cents. I think the only proper way to do if you're going to take it off, you either take off the 5 cents, otherwise you just leave it where it's at and do something else. I think it's a very complicated issue. I don't see any need for it. I think Senator Johnson has a much clearer way to go by taking off the sales tax and I think the agriculture industry, as I said before, is already paying more than what they can afford to pay. It's our largest industry. We cannot continue to pick on the largest industry when they cannot afford to pay. I think all of the other challenges to the Supreme Court, there are going to have to be some more challenges to the Supreme Court, on household goods, on 775, I think those have to be challenged because you cannot have one segment picking up the entire load. It's just not fair. So, once again, I support the Rod Johnson suspend the rules, and I think this amendment...they say it's a compromise but it's a compromise for the 3-R. There's no compromise on the other side whatsoever. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY PRESIDING

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We'll move to Senator Baack, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the rule suspension. I was...I think that we need to get to the compromise amendment as soon as possible. I think it is that, I think it is a compromise amendment and I disagree with Senator Schellpeper. Some of us who were not supporters of 3-R were involved in...in working on this compromise amendment and I think it is a compromise amendment. I think that...I think it's especially a compromise amendment when you look at the fact that if you are going to go to Senator Lamb's extreme where you're simply not going to support a constitutional amendment, he is going to put about...he is going to put a hit on agriculture of about \$43 million worth of personal property tax is what he's willing to do. I'm not willing to do that. I will not do that and I don't think that that's the thing that the Legislature ought to do. I think that what we're trying to do with this...with the compromise amendment is we're saying,