

look, we've got a problem, we're going to have to deal with this problem, we have to deal with it soon. Time is running short, we've got to deal with this problem. And I think what we're doing is we're saying, yes, agriculture is going to take a certain amount of a hit with the personal property tax when you put it on the depreciated basis. They are going to take a hit there. But we are also saying we're willing to lessen that. We're willing to lessen that impact on agriculture by reducing the sales tax on farm machinery by 80 percent, tying it back to some...some refund provisions for agriculture. I think that is a move in the right direction. We're also asking some other people in the state to help pay for this. We're asking...we're going to ask...we're going to reduce the sales tax collection fee. That's asking people all across the state to help pay for a benefit that we're giving to agriculture. We're also...we're going to reduce state aid to the counties because the counties are going to be the ones that are going to benefit tremendously from us putting back this value back onto the tax rolls. So I...to me, it seems...it seems to me that we are getting...moving in the right direction. We're moving in the direction of coming towards the middle, towards that gray area between the black and white of the...of totally exempting all property and putting everything back on. We're moving...we're moving in that direction and this is a very good compromise amendment. I don't think that we should suspend the rules. Senator Johnson's motion has no way of making up for the revenue loss. I guess we just write that off or what I guess happens with that under Senator Johnson's motion, if we...if we simply take that sales tax off, I would guess that we could simply reduce state aid by that much to the counties and then I suppose they have to make it up through property tax. And I think you might see some real property tax increases if you do it that way. I don't think that's the method that we ought to use to do that. I think that putting anything back on real property in this situation would be a mistake and I don't think that we ought to do that. So I don't...if you don't have the replacement revenues in place with...as you don't have with Senator Johnson's, I don't think we ought to suspend the rules. I don't think we ought to consider that straight up. I think we ought to go to the compromise amendment and have a good discussion on the compromise amendment because I think it is exactly that, a compromise amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Baack. We'll now move to Senator Withem.