

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Peterson, you're next.

SENATOR PETERSON: M.: President and members, I rise to support Senator Rod Johnson's move to suspend the rules. I think the only solution, in my estimation, is to take all the sales tax off of farm machinery. I know the last number of weeks I've been home and calls I've had while I've been down here, from my farmers and people are saying don't complicate the mess. And it looks to me like this solution makes it complicated. And that is something I don't think we need, if we could simplify it by just taking off the whole sales tax on...on machinery. I think this is...talk about the number of days, when we started on this the first day and everybody could have been...a number of us been gone and it's just about like I'm not much for watching soap operas, never had the opportunity but this is becoming like a soap opera, you miss a week and you haven't really missed anything. There's just a lot of rhetoric going on, no solutions are developing. I can tell you up in my area, I wish some of the city senators from Omaha and Lincoln would come up into my area, spend a day or two with me and go around to the banks and the CPAs and the farmers and talk to them because, by golly, my economy and the farm economy up there is downright serious. Now, talking to several other senators here in some of their areas, they don't seem to say that so much, but, by golly, it's true up in my area. I question and I hope somebody that's coming up, Senator Warner, or Senator Landis, or somebody will address this, how much is this going to cost the Department of Revenue to implement and do all the paper work? It's going to be bad enough for the farmers to take care of their...this mess that they're...you're going to develop, and so I...I will hope that Senator Landis or Senator Warner, will you address this down the road and what it's going to cost? Do you have some figures on that? I think we need to know. And, you know, on the way that livestock and everything is put in there, I hope there's some lawsuits. If this bill passes and lawsuits, I think it will be thrown out of court. I don't think it's constitutional what you're doing. The court said you either take it all off or you put it all on. And, right now, you're messing it up. And I think you're really messing it up. You know, the thing that I heard from the members of the 3-R Committee when they toured and when they was in Norfolk, they constantly kept hearing the first thing was cut spending, have not heard one word from the 3-R Committee or has there been any attempt to cut spending. It's just spend, spend, spend and put the farmers and businessmen in worse shape than they...all the