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in the trenches because 1063 wasn't cut off in the trenches. This body says, no, bring it up, let's talk about it. But now here is some people who supported bringing 1063 up on the floor...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...are being chastised because they want to bring this other issue up and discuss it. Now is that fair? No, that is not fair. You know better than that, Senator Chizek. You know that isn't fair. So I rise, as you have probably figured out, to support Rod Johnson's amendment to suspend the rules. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Landis, you are next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. We are not talking about procedure. We are actually talking about both of the underlying opportunities for compromise that are being suggested, and actually we would have this conversation no matter what was up there on that board, so it doesn't really offend me, you know, where we actually have got a "suspended rules" motion up there, we are really talking about the issues, so I want to talk about the issues. Rod Johnson said make me a case as to why the policy in the compromise amendment is mine and I will consider making a change procedurally, and Ron Withem got up and said, look, I am not sure I can make you one that is based on very careful analysis of policy. This is, I would say, from his perspective a political compromise. Now there are some policy aspects, taking the farm sales tax off is better by the Syracuse Study, plus it is in line with our surrounding states. There is that value to it, and yet it has an offsetting body of revenue relief, but let's just examine what Senator Withem suggests to you. I have been in some of the rooms. I have been trying to talk to people. I have indicated on the floor my flexibility, and yet I come to the conclusion that even though it may not be exactly true for me that what Senator Withem describes is the case. There are votes that fall off of 1063 if the compromise goes further than this language. If votes fall off 1063, do you have a way out? No. We were already at 25, 26 at the most. So you lose votes from there and you are now down to two bills, LB 1120 that doesn't have the votes to move, and 1063 that don't have the votes to move. And we are in the worst case scenario. What