

use that machinery year-around. And we have no choice on the farm but to use these specialized pieces of equipment on a short-term basis. And I look at the other states around us. There is no tax on farm machinery. There is no sales tax on farm machinery. I talked to a farmer in central Nebraska. He bought his last three tractors in Kansas. I would like to see us support this motion to suspend the rules and give me a chance to vote on this amendment. It is real important to me to send a signal out to my constituents that I support taking the sales tax off of machinery. And I hope you will take into consideration a little bit, Senator Ashford, that we can only use these pieces of machinery for a short period of time out of the year, and so it is very expensive to maintain a full line of equipment and to farm under today's conditions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I recognize Senator Johnson for closing. Senator Johnson for closing.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I am sorry, Madam President. I thought everybody wanted to speak so I took some time off the floor, but I guess like many of the rural senators, I am a little troubled and, obviously, a little frustrated with the process. And, obviously, those who have the votes will rule on this issue, and it appears that this motion probably is not going to be successful. The difference I see really is twofold. The first is, the difference between the Warner amendment and my amendment is really the difference of one penny. Jerry's, I think, addresses four cents. Mine is a flat outright five-cent exemption. As I indicated before, the biggest deficiency I see with my amendment, at least in the eyes of many, is that I did not identify a funding source. As I mentioned earlier, I did take some time yesterday to talk to Kim Robak, and you can go ask her this. I said, you know, I'd like to run my amendment, what do you think about it? She indicated the Governor's Office was trying to stay out of the debate on this issue, but she did