

the life or the tax life of that particular investment. And so by taking off the sales tax on agricultural machinery, by the same token that was a shift into that particular sector and then utilizing several other things to level off that burden so it doesn't rest simply on that young farmer who is coming in and the like. He can take off his sales tax and then within the sector we spread around some of that cost a little bit as a very fair approach and that is why I signed onto the amendment. I think this is a reach in the right direction. I think it's a step that the voters when they go to the polls in May, hopefully will find...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...an opportunity to vote in a positive fashion that here is a situation where we have put a little bit of a burden on a particular sector by virtue of the court cases but we've leveled it off and not been so pointed and so specific within that sector particularly for those people who are in larger operations, those people who are buying new machinery and trying to compete as the young farmer, and I think that meets all of the tests associated with those kinds of concerns. So I rise in support of this particular portion and, like I say, as well as the entire amendment in its entirety, I believe that it was attached and properly disseminated to the general public that this would be probably the best solution that we've seen on the table today.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I think that most of us know where we're at in terms of how we're going to vote on this issue, and I look across the body and I think you can do that as well, although we meet in our little groups and we discuss about how we're going to do this or do that, but we have searched our souls a long, long time, probably searched them even before we got to the Chambers and this session started, knowing ultimately where we may want to go and where we were going to end up. But we didn't know how we were going to get there in terms of how long, what sort of speeches we were going to make and ultimately where we were going to wind up. We didn't know exactly what that amendment was going to be that would at least bring us the attempt to do that. And I think Scott, Senator Moore, you and I both know, I think we have an idea of where we want to ultimately get. We