

going to help agriculture, we're going to take off the sales tax of farm machinery, but we're going to get it from the farmers anyway. So why even put it on? Let's just go with 1063 without the sales tax exemption because we're going to pay it anyway. But in order to make it pass the voters, you're saying we really got you a bargain. We are going to take off sales tax to farm machinery. It's going to be a real bargain for agriculture, and it really isn't because you're just taking it out of one pocket and putting it into the other pocket. There has to be some way that you can devise a system that has to be a lot more fair than what we're dealing with with this amendment. We have a lot of fertilizer sold in this state. We could tax fertilizer. We could do a lot of other things. We could put a tax onto service. As I said this morning, just because we're going to have a reduction in the sales tax on farm machinery, it will get 25 votes, no doubt about it. I think it will get 28, maybe 30 votes because that is the carrot that is being put out there is that we have to have the sales tax off of farm machinery. Well, it's coming off but it isn't going to do agriculture any good because you're going to pay for it anyway. There needs to be some other method that we can use to find a total solution. I don't know what it is, but we tried a lot of different things in this body, but I can see where right now you can't raise the corn for what you're getting for it when you sell it. You're going to put another tax on to what it costs if you irrigate or farm the land. Whatever we try to do, it seems like we're just trying to get at one entity. We're not trying to spread it out across the whole state. It just gets very frustrating when you go back and talk to your people and you say, what do we do? What did you do for us? And you say, oh, we really helped you. You helped us get rid of some more money out of agriculture is the only thing that we're really doing here. Really think about what this amendment does. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Schmit, you're next.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, I rise again to oppose this portion of the amendment for the reasons given by Senators Schellpeper and Lamb. As I have said earlier, whenever something is so invisible that it escapes me, then I know there has to be something that is really hidden in the piece of legislation. There is no reason for the supporters of 1063 to