

visible and you can't hide behind them. We're not going to go to fees, we're not going to go to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...all sorts of chicanery. If you raise the tax rate, take the blame for it. Governor Exon and I disagreed frequently, but we agreed on that principle and I agree today. If this Legislature had to raise the sales tax and income tax to cover that deficiency that we're talking about, we would go back to the local governments and say review your budgets. Take a look at what you are spending. Compare it with what you did a year ago or five years ago and see if it is necessary and we should do the same with our own. The real reason behind 1063, ladies and gentlemen, is because it is a revenue raising measure. It is designed to raise revenue and I would challenge you to come back here a year from now and disprove my statement. I oppose the amendment to the amendment. I oppose the portion of the amendment and...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I oppose the bill if anyone is in doubt.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, even though I'm philosophically opposed to this particular amendment for the same reasons that I indicated to you earlier, I'm philosophically opposed to exempting or to ending the sales tax on farm equipment by itself, I'm going to vote for the amendment because I, like you, do not wish to create further economic instability in our economic system. I don't like the personal property tax, or excuse me, the sales tax as it relates to inputs on manufacturing products and on agricultural products and I think we should do away with all of that in the proper circumstances, but I think the fair thing to do is to do away with it together, farm equipment and office equipment both. Much has been said by Senator Lamb and by Senator Schmit about how difficult it is...it's going to be to explain this to their constituents and I take them at their word and I believe them. I know it will be hard for them. But little has been said about how hard it is going to be for those of us in the urban areas to explain this last compromise or amendment because people in the