

has on the personal property tax valuation available to the State of Nebraska. That is conceptually possible to calculate for business equipment. All of the alleged figures for agriculture equipment have got to be little more than an educated guess because I am not aware of any system of making an accurate determination of what possible value there is out there. Now have I lost all of you so far? Yep, good, but I think that this would be an improvement. It would simplify the system, make it more understandable and more acceptable by the people who must comply. So with that I would encourage the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. The speaking order now is Senator Lamb, Hall, Schmit, Warner, Withem and Nelson. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the Legislature. I rise to support Senator Coordsen's amendment. Actually, what it does, it puts the state depreciation system more in line with the federal depreciation system. Under the federal guidelines, if I buy a tractor, I can depreciate it an additional \$10,000 the first year. That is total. But if I bought a tractor, a combine, and a cultivator, the total amount of additional depreciation I can take is \$10,000. It is an additional depreciation which in our 1063 is not allowed. So we are really making depreciation more strict on the state level than it is on the federal level because this extra \$10,000 is not allowed. I am not sure that the amendment does what Senator Coordsen wants it to do, but that's the intent of it, to make the state depreciation schedule compatible, equal to the federal depreciation schedule, so that taxpayers get the advantage of that additional \$10,000 of depreciation the year that they buy these items. I think it should be a part of our code. We should not be more strict, in my opinion, than the federal code, and so this would allow us to do what the federal people allow us to do.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Coordsen, would you respond to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Certainly.