

significant changes that are going to be brought about in currently held property by the language in AM3048, or the current bill. We don't know. I was a little surprised that Senator Withem indicated the discomfiture with floor amendments. I didn't really realize that they were out of order on the floor of the body. It must be a fairly recent, recent change. What this amendment would do, again, is bring a more understandable process of valuation in place for the people who must comply, and bear in mind this bill does provide for a significant increase of personal property tax on a segment of our economy that has not been taxed in this manner for a large number of years. To do that, and then to make that system more complex, to bring into a valuation for personal property tax items of farm equipment that are of such durability as to have a longer class life than one year, that have not been on the depreciation schedule for a number of years, it could be as far back as seven years before they would be...that had not been valued creates, I believe, a confused situation for the people who must comply. The changes, whatever those changes in valuation might be, bear in mind, are going to be changes in valuation that are currently not taxed, not valued for taxation on the lowered level. There still will be a significant net increase. The question was raised as to the cost of this, insofar as a reduction in the amount of property that is going to be valued. I would indicate to you that I am not aware of any, of any accurate method that is available to the Department of Revenue from information perhaps coming from the Internal Revenue Service that has any degree of accuracy by basing an estimate of nondepreciated property, the residual value upon claimed depreciation. It is a very, very difficult thing. I would contend that the impact to agriculture is quite probably much higher than the figures that have been offered and that no one has talked about the reduction in personal...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...property valuations for businesses in the state, something that I really don't object to, if that brings about a fair system. But we don't know. But we do know that the current language creates a situation that is infinitely more complicated and much more misunderstandable by the public, much harder to enforce, much harder to comply with than what this change would bring about. Thank you.

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