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part because although I have been in support of the concept, we are getting down to the details now that are much different than what were first proposed and then we just had Senator Coordsen's amendment which should have been adopted, was not adopted, it's fair, it's equitable, it could be made to work. Senator Warner says it does not work at this point. I don't argue with that, but there is no reason it could not be made to work so that we could have the same exemptions under the state's...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LAMB: ...schedule as we have under the federal schedule so that's where I feel that several ways I've been led astray on this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, I rise to oppose the indefinite postponement motion. I think Senator Lamb has hit upon the key and maybe the most critical part of this whole debate and that is the votes are not here for those of us who want to look at alternative ideas. However, I am not convinced at this particular point that throwing out or doing away with LB 1063 is the right path to take. I think we can still work to try and improve upon the Warner amendment which we adopted earlier. I'm not terribly comfortable with the way that it has been drafted, but on the other hand what you're looking at, if you want to take a real hard line position is about \$30 million, \$30 million under this plan as I understand it ag will have to pay something around 10 million, maybe more, maybe less depending upon how you calculate it all. The problem I have is though, if we fail in here to do anything it virtually guarantees, as Senator Warner said, that we're going to implement what the court has told us is going to happen and to me that looks like 45 to 48 million depending upon the figures you have on agriculture. To me that's unacceptable. I may have to pay some and even though I don't like it, I have real problems with the idea of bringing all of it back on and imposing not only the 10 million that we're talking about here, but an extra 30 to 35 million that would also come on if we do nothing. So from my standpoint even though I would like to see some changes yet in 1063 and we will have another opportunity on Select File to do that, I'm not willing to throw it out at this particular point. I still want to see us work to try and compromise. I know that compromise is in the eye of the