

speak to the Warner amendment? Senator Warner, would you like to close?

SENATOR WARNER: If I can. If I can't, I'll proceed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Would you please repeat that, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I said I'd just as soon withdraw it because it changes nothing from the current law to help...provide some clarification. It's controversial. I'll just simply withdraw it, unless it's too late.

PRESIDENT MOUL: It can be withdrawn.

SENATOR WARNER: I will withdraw it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Wickersham. AM3300, Senator. (Wickersham amendment appears on pages 1228-30 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment was distributed to you. I'm sorry that we did not have time to have it printed in the Journal. It was only delivered to me this morning. This amendment is based on a simple premise, and that is if it hasn't cost money, you don't need to take it away. And what I'm getting at is the \$3.5 million that we would take away from the Aid to County's Fund, in order to make up for a portion of the 80 percent sales tax exemption on farm machinery and equipment. Remember, we had a number of different elements in which to fund that 80 percent rebate. Three and a half million dollars out of the Aid to County's Fund was one of them. I see no reason to take that money away from the counties, if we have not had a level of sales of farm machinery and equipment in the state that is equivalent to that cost. Now, what that...what those figures were based on, that 11.7 million, was based on approximately \$14 million worth of sales of farm machinery and equipment in any given year. If that level turns out to be only 10 million, then the State of Nebraska will not refund enough money to justify taking away 3.5 million from the counties. Why do you want to take away money when it hasn't cost you anything? That's the simple premise. Now, the