

measure which will eventually raise a lot more money than we are presently raising. I would hope that the rural legislators would understand that the amendment which I have proposed doesn't have a chance. Why? Because there are 30 votes in the urban...in the rural...urban areas. They're not going to do anything that might cause an increase in their taxes and somehow or other that would have to be funneled back to the cities in an increased sewer fee, sewage fee, so, therefore, they're not going to support that. But we, as rural legislators, are going to come in here and say, oh, we got a deal, we've got a deal, we're going to buy into this system where we pay only \$4 a ton on nitrogen, we get rid of the energy tax and we're going to get all the tax off farm equipment but, of course, we have to go through the refund process. The reason we have to go through the refund process is because those farmers are a bunch of liars and crooks and if we don't make them go through the refund process, they'll lie and not put that piece of implement on their schedule. Well, they're all...we were just told that the reason the depreciation thing is going to work so well is because no one would dare not claim depreciation just to save the smaller amount of personal tax. Now we're being told we have to have the refund process because the farmer is a liar and he's going to not put it on his schedule. You know, you add insult to injury, and it's being done by our own people. Is it any wonder? There was a reporter one time, we were talking about sheep. I'm not going to mention the reporter because some of you might recognize him, but he said, if the good Lord hadn't intended them to be shorn, he would never have given them a fleece. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the rural people are lining up to be shorn. That wouldn't be so bad, but when you get done they're going to take the hide off of you. You won't even have a hide left. And you act like you don't know any better. I want to be around when you folks go back home and tell about the tremendous victory you won in 1063. You took the tax off farm machinery. Oh yeah, 7 million bucks, but of course you paid for it too. You paid for it with a tax on fertilizers, which is going to go up, and up, and up, and then, of course, you reimpose all the other taxes on personal property. Mr. President, I'd ask permission to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. We are discussing the Lindsay-Lamb amendment. Senator Robinson. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I...Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to ask a question, if Senator Lindsay would respond to this.