

business community...well, a lot of people in the business community, you're not going to pay more taxes under 1063. Unless something totally is escaping me, there are businesses that had a hundred percent compliance before and there was a lot of property that is going to be well off the depreciable tax rolls that was being taxed in 1990 will no longer be taxed in 1992. And there's a lot of businesses out there that will be paying less under 1063. There are a lot of companies and corporations that simply have to be under 1063 because the base has shrunk dramatically by the depreciation...net book minus depreciation scheme contained in LB 1063. So it's one of those things that I have never been one to agree to the fact that ag has to pay more under the version of 1063. I don't think they should. I mean, if you're going to go down the path of this horrible tax policy and reinstitute a tax on farm machinery and breeding livestock, the least you ought to do is exempt from sales tax that farm machinery, even though that's a hard sell. I've always actually preferred Senator Conway's bills in their pure form. It's probably a better sell. But the bill in its present form is the worst kick in the teeth yet for the ag sector and this is just kind of adding insult to injury in many ways saying that, well, we'll take away energy and I...I'll probably vote for it because energy is one I really don't like. This is marginally better, even though I may come to regret that, but it sure is nothing that brings me under the bill in any way, shape or form. I do not believe ag...the court, there are many people in this body and the Governor, on a number of occasions, has said, I didn't say ag had to pay more, the court said agriculture had to pay more taxes. The court never said that at all. This body is saying that. There are many members of this body who want to use this opportunity to make sure to extract a pound of flesh from agriculture and make them pay more and many members of the body, if I was in their shoes, I'd probably be doing it too, but the court never said in their rulings that agriculture must pay more taxes in the State of Nebraska. As I said before, if we're going down the path of tax policy that makes some sense, ag maybe should help pay the replacement revenue, but in 1063, if you went on that path, I see no reason whatsoever, other than those that want to use this opportunity to gouge agriculture in the eye a little bit, and that was the only reason you're making agriculture pay something. That's the only reason. As Senator...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.