

say, well, we did the best we could do, I'm going to say "no". I'm going to say "no". I don't know how much longer I'll be around. No one knows that. But I can tell you this; that I shall not be afraid to point out from time to time that agriculture sold out. We scared out. We didn't even play a respectable game of chicken. We didn't play a respectable game. We cut a deal. We cut a deal in the wee hours of the night and we sold out and if that amendment had been subjected to a public hearing it wouldn't have gotten four votes in any committee, would not have received four votes in any committee. Had it gone to the Revenue Committee, it wouldn't have received three. It should have gone there. What we are doing here today is slowly...not so slowly, we are dismantling the tax structure that has served this state well. We are putting in place a hodgepodge which will never survive, which will never survive, but when it does come back for restructuring, some of the legislators who participated in the dismantling of the system will not be here, and I may be one of those, and others who did will say, well, we couldn't tell what the court was going to do. But the one point no one will make very effectively is that we didn't know what we were doing. The urban legislators know what they are doing and I suspect the rurals know also. You know, it's great to be liked. We all want to be loved. I'm making you angry as I speak these words. I really do not care. If I were trying to please you, my colleagues, I'd know how to do it. We all know how to do those things. If I were trying to please certain constituents, I know how to do that also. The majority of my constituents, folks, are not farmers. Majority are not farmers. But just as the minority of my constituents who are not...who are farmers except me to represent them,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..so I represent the minority in other areas, whether they be the handicapped, the retarded, the ADC mothers, or whatever else comes along, and someone must speak for those individuals and so there, ladies and gentlemen, I ask that the tax...that farm equipment be classified as inventory and thereby be removed from the personal property tax rolls.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Haberman and Schmit. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I don't think anyone here realizes what was done when that last amendment was