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lost to local subdivisions from the removal of the personal property tax on livestock. Sixty-six million dollars of the 70 went to agriculture. Now, we have a totally different set of numbers. Either someone was dead wrong in '77 and we were lied to, or else we're wrong now. I suspect we were more correct in '77 than we are now. I would suspect that the numbers will come out nowhere near where you have been told they will be. Senator Hall has called your attention to it, and I would suggest that there may be a tremendous difference in numbers. There isn't any way you can tell, there is no way you can tell. Who can come out to my farm today and point out and say that piece of equipment will be taxed and that one won't. At least in the old days, if you went out there and looked,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...you could tell a tractor was a tractor, a cow was a cow. Now a cow is either a nondepreciable cow, a nontaxable cow, or a taxable cow, but they all look alike. And I defy the assessor, who is a very gifted person in my district, my county, to tell a taxable cow from a nontaxable cow by looking at it, or a taxable tractor from a nontaxable tractor. We're going to be innovative. But this amendment makes sense and you ought to vote for it. I would hope that you will have some good reason to explain why you don't, those of you who are rural, because you are voting against an amendment which today could save something out of this bill for rural Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We will now vote on the Schmit amendment to LB 1063. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to have a call of the house, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chamber and record their presence. All unexcused...All other personnel should leave the floor.