

tax lime and everything else, I don't know. I think you would have trouble selling that at a public hearing. Most of my good friends who supported this would be doing the same thing, they would say, no, no, no, you can't do that, you can't do it, got to figure some way out of the trap. I kind of have to smile when I see the young Senator Will, who we discussed, on numerous occasions, some of the traps we get ourselves into. And if I live long enough I'll see the day with Senator Will has an amendment to a bill that will tax farm land at twice its market value, because it's being fertilized, and irrigated, and it's contributing to all the problems of the cities. And you know what, all my good friends will say, oh my gosh, that's not fair. And you say, why should us urban legislators and taxpayers pay to take the nitrogen out of the drinking water that you folks put in there. It's not fair. You put it in there by being careless, irresponsible, reckless, negligent, it's fair. Makes a lot more sense, ladies and gentlemen, than what we are doing here tonight. Legislation doesn't have to make sense, you only need to get 25 votes. Sometimes to override a veto 30, for the emergency 33. I know that when someone says to my rural friends at home, why didn't you vote for the amendment that would have kept livestock from being taxed, I would say, that wasn't a proper amendment. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I noticed that there are a lot of passes up there. No one wants to be put down as voting no, so we pass. Well, really I don't care if mine is the only green vote, ladies and gentlemen. If you really believe that this amendment is bad, then vote red, vote red and go back home...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to Podunk, wherever you go, and explain that Schmit didn't know what he was doing. Schmit knew what he was doing when he took it off, 15 years ago, but he's totally wrong now. I will say this, most politicians who were on the floor at that time took credit, from time to time, as they ran for election, with having removed the tax from personal property. In later years they haven't been quite so alert to do that. But, ladies and gentlemen, I'm serious about the amendment, it makes sense. And the day will come when someone who, in the urban area, doesn't want to pay tax on an item of business equipment, and they will call ordinary computers inventory, and they'll go off the tax rolls. I suggest that you protect yourselves at this time and vote yes on this amendment.