

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Boehm has told you, others have told you, you can continue on the course we have established and that is the direction we ought to go. And I would suggest that what Senator Morrissey told you is totally factual, accurate and reasonable and is the reasonable way in which to proceed, much more so than the reverse which reimposes the tax. The other decision is no choice at all and we ought not to be trapped, suckered, bamboozled, what have you, into buying that kind of a constitutional amendment. I ask you to support the amendment which declares swine to be inventory. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Schmit is trying to show just exactly what is going on in agriculture. I appreciate this handout that Senator Bohlke sent around showing agricultural prices compared to a sundry of other things that are purchased every day. And it really shows why agriculture is in the tight position that it is. And another thing that stands out about it, you notice those items in agriculture that are not fooled with by the government in the area of beef cattle and those kinds of things, and a T-bone steak, for example, in the grocery stores, and what you pay for them. Look how much higher they are in the last 20 years and how little change there is at the agricultural level. What's that mean? That means that the business enterprises and processors and the people that package things are the ones that are making the difference, the marketing, the advertisers. That's where the money is, ladies and gentlemen. That's why we need to consider some innovative thoughts about this tax situation. That service sector that we could, for a very small fee, get some money from to pay for this problem, needs to be looked at and looked at closely. I think the people are willing to pay their fair share as long as everyone pays it. But the way that this thing is being approached, this year and ever since I've been here, is to do everything that you possibly can to keep the old standard structure as intact as possible. The things that we've been trying to do for a hundred years, they don't work anymore, ladies and gentlemen, they don't work. We need to address some innovative ideas and I think we need to do that, and we can. This body is capable of it if we get together and work. The committee that formed the 3-R plan was representative more of the administration than it was of the Legislature. The Governor