

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, would you respond, please?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Senator Schmit. My understanding is that the process is improved as far as reliability, if there is some sort of paper trail between the purchase of that implement and the fact that it is put on the purchaser's depreciation...state depreciation schedule.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Why then is it necessary to have a paper trail on the purchase of a piece of farm equipment, and not have the same paper trail on a piece of business equipment, which is also subjected to personal property taxation?

SENATOR LAMB: I think that would be of great benefit if we could work out a way to do it. Unfortunately, they don't have a sales tax exemption on it, so I don't see that that same system would work there.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, I will be glad to allow you to use one of my amendments if you want to draw a substitute amendment to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to require the taxes to be paid on business equipment and then allow the businessman to be reimbursed just exactly as we are doing with farm equipment, would that be acceptable to you?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I think Senator Ashford had that sort of an amendment earlier, a week or so ago, which did not get sufficient votes to advance.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Are you implying, Senator Lamb, that this body would treat the businessman differently than we would treat the farmer in regard to this little item?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You are, I was afraid you'd answer that way. Now, tell me one more thing, what is farm equipment? Is there a definition of farm equipment in the statute, in 1063?

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.