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decision that came down, I think there's still some risk there. I think the risk may be...it's minimized, there's no doubt about that, it's more minimal than it was a couple of months ago. But I think it's still there. And I don't think that we put that risk. I think what we do in this situation is we say that we are ready to take tax policy, and we are ready to set tax policy. As the Legislature we want to set the tax policy of this state, we are going to put this constitutional amendment before the voters and allow them to vote on it, and then we will live with that decision. We'll have to live with whatever decision they make. But I think to assume that we have a lot of flexibility, should we do nothing, which is what Senator Lamb is assuming, that we have all kinds of flexibility, we can come back in, in January, and give his farm machinery there an exemption, and do those...we can't do that. Senator Lamb, we can't do that, it's gone. Those exemptions are gone, we can't even talk about exemptions at that point.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SPEAKER BAACK: I think we need the constitutional amendment now, and I think that we need the people to vote on it so that we can have that flexibility to set the tax policy of the state. I would urge you to vote for the advancement of this constitutional amendment and again empower ourselves to set tax policy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack, for the closing. You have heard the motion to advance LR 1. We have a request for a machine vote. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 122-23 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to advance, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 1 is advanced. Have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 6 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with E & R amendments attached. (See pages 123-24 of the Legislative Journal.)