

if all comes to pass here. But, in addition, you passed the other amendment that made 30 votes the requirement to take an exemption away. You have added insult to injury on this issue, the injury being the fact that instead of being fair to everybody, putting all the exemptions off the table and all the tax roll...all the property back on the tax rolls, you have decided to make exceptions here. Once again, making exceptions, 775 and earthmoving equipment. And then you adopted the 30-vote situation so that for those two particular items if we decide, if everything comes the way people want to have it come about here, we come back next session, those two are now exempted and it will take 30 votes to get rid of them. Now, I don't think we would probably even get 25 votes to get rid of those particular exemptions, as with any exemption, but to get 30 votes again is insult to injury. So those are the two items I felt we made mistakes on and I would hope we would correct today. We would put back 775 in the personal property...on the personal property tax rolls as well as the earthmoving equipment and then they will considered along with the ag equipment, the ag inventory, the business inventory, the other types of items that we need to be talking about. And for the ag senators, the rural senators, I particularly don't understand that vote because what you do is you protect that particular class and you lose a chip on the table when the bargaining process starts next year. I don't understand that. But, you know, that's your choice and you have to live with whatever votes you have and whatever headlines you get out of it. But, for me, I, for one, am glad I voted against providing for that exemption. I am hopeful that you will reconsider and support the Chambers amendment. To be fair, I think we need to do that. And, again, my concern is that you may...you may support those amendments. You may feel that those are good exemptions but it's not right to keep those about while everybody else has to scramble for 30 votes next year to get back on. And these folks, they'll have to have 30 votes against them to get off. That isn't fair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the motion to return to strike the amendment. As I stated the other day, the 775 exemptions were not something that I supported. If you go back and look at the record, you will find that I voted against LB 775 on every stage of debate as it worked its way through the Legislature. I don't...I...the reason that I offered this, and I still think that the reason is