

guess, agreement, conciliation to pass 1063, the exemption, after the payment, in the form of a refund, was a policy that was established. That's what this body agreed on. That's what both urban and rural senators agreed to and endorsed and put into 1063. Senator Moore stripped that away, the other day, with his amendment. All my amendment does is bring the policy back to where it was in 1063 when it was passed last year. I believe that if this is not taken out of the bill, it's very likely the bill, (a), won't pass, or may not be signed. I don't know that. But I can tell you that it makes the two technical changes that would allow for the implementation of 1063, at the local level, work...to work very smoothly, to probably be in jeopardy. That may not be enough of a threat to anyone to worry about this amendment. But I do believe that there has to be more of a record made in terms of...and I would like to hear from my urban colleagues who endorsed this plan when it was put in place in 1063, because I believe that the trust has been broken here in terms of how you handle the exemption. And I believe that all it will lead to is further problems down the road in terms of reporting; in personal property, at least at a minimum it allows for the potential of that to take place. I would urge the adoption of the amendment to return the policy on the refund, the exemption for sales tax on farm machinery to go back to its original form.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Wehrbein. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I hope the members are listening to Senator Hall, and I hope some other people in Nebraska were listening to Senator Hall when he stated that the policy is...I mean, to agree with what we said yesterday, the policy of sales tax exemption for farm machinery was made in LB 1063. And it's my understanding more than one person has said, there goes the Legislature again, willy-nilly, handing out tax exemptions. And that is so far from the truth it's obscene. That was the decision that we made back in 1063, that was the decision, those of you who supported that, made back in 1063. And for members of the press or members of this body to infer that all of a sudden we're granting exemptions is totally inaccurate, incorrect, inflammatory, and all of those adjectives used when you try and say, there they go again granting exemptions. We already did that. The policy was already made. Senator Hall was right that we're going to change that policy somewhat, only on the implementation side. We are making a