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Senator Lamb, of all people, Senator Lamb,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...and we bought onto that. We then moved on, during the special session, and did things like did away with sales tax on farm machinery, allowing a rebate back for it. And we are now doing away with it totally in this bill. Nobody talks about that, but we're doing away with that totally. And the only thing we extracted back for that was a tax that was recommended by the rural senators. The rural senators came to us and said, please tax our fertilizer, please tax our fertilizer, do not tax our sales...sales tax on farm machinery. And we said, fine, if you understand better the rural community and what taxes are more acceptable out there,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...go ahead, impose the sales tax. So we've done a lot in terms of compromise. The dollar, I don't know why we did that even. I don't know why people accepted it, but it is not the only compromise that's been made on this issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, it's been my pleasure to serve with this body the last two years. I have a great amount of respect for the individuals in here. We all stick up for our own legislative districts very well. I happened to represent Dawson and Phelps County the past two years. They are the second and third largest cattle feeding counties in the State of Nebraska, Colfax is number one by a long ways. They've got to go a long ways to catch Colfax County. Heard a lot of comments this morning, but in the final analysis I have to vote for my legislative district. And I was a good soldier on Amendment 1. I believe it was necessary. It was a partial correction to a problem that we have in this state. And I hate to blame the Supreme Court for our ills, but they have probably brought us to this point at this time. Takes a lot of investment to have a feedlot. We have placed a lot of obstacles in the way of constructing new cattle feedlots. We used to be the number one cattle feeding state in the nation. We are now number two, and I think we are declining. If I was to construct a new feedlot, I would do it in the northern portion of Kansas. I would locate it south of Hastings, south