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we've been on this path the last 20 years trying to decrease reliance on property tax. With that, I return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Brashear on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I appreciate the discussion. And at this point I'm...I would request leave to withdraw this severability clause amendment, in order that we could proceed to Senator Schrock's amendment. There's a discussion that he wants to have that is of the same kind and type. And I would ask leave to withdraw the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend with AM1479. (Legislative Journal page 1398.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on AM1479.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment strikes Section 16, the income tax credit for active farmers. I commend Senator Brashear for trying to find an innovative way to try and help active farmers in their tax problem. It's really very innovative. I think it's appropriate. It's something I'm interested. And if it doesn't happen today, I'm interested in that issue down the road. I think there's a lot of questions. For example, what happens for an incorporated farm, where there's three members? Do they each get \$1,000 credit? Or does just the incorporated farm get the \$1,000 credit? There's a lot of questions. But I don't want to be giving tax credits to absentee landowners, like Ted Turner, or the surgeon in my community who bids up the price of land. I think the tax credits should go to active farmers. So I commend him for changing that. My amendment, and this will be controversial, exempts ag personal property from taxation. That is the trade-off. We don't get the \$1,000 tax credit, but farmers do not pay taxes on personal property. This leaves