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LB 287

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the opening on the Kremer amendment, AM1746 to LB 287. Senator Schrock on that amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this makes this bill a lot more palatable to the ag community. It does take the service sales tax off on repair parts...not repair parts, but repair services for ag equipment, and takes out the objectionable part for ag equipment. I would ask that you would vote for this. It's not another tax that the ag community needs to bear. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Raikes on the Kremer amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm going to oppose Senator Kremer's amendment. Repair...expanding the sales tax base, let me back up to that, I think is something that Senator Brashear has made the case very well, this is something that we need to do. Repair labor is, I think, a logical part of that. It needs to be done in a logical and consistent fashion. Currently, for example, if you buy an agricultural...a piece of agricultural equipment, there is not sales tax on that. It...you do have to pay personal property tax. If you buy a similar equipment that's used for construction purposes, then there is sales tax and personal property tax. If this amendment and the amended bill were to go forward, then you would have an even greater difference between agricultural equipment and construction equipment. So again, I don't think this is consistent with either good tax policy or, certainly, our revenue needs. So again, I oppose the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, are you through, Senator Raikes? Thank you. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I didn't have any intention of turning my light on this early. But when I listened to the comments that Senator Raikes had, I would like to ask him a question, if he would be available for a comment.