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you should do some work on it to clarify this bill, and this was the judge's statement, so you can go from there. But I would like to make a few remarks in regard to Senator Newell. If you think the farmers ain't paying enough tax, just keep slapping tax on the farmer and find out what beefsteak is going to cost you. They're in a position right now to kind of write their own tickets if these farmers are pushed the wrong way. You seen what happened in Washington. They got beef up to seventy-five cents a pound on the hoof right now, and...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, the Chair suggests that we're on a specific issue. Would you please address the issue?

SENATOR MERZ: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Merz put it pretty well. He's pretty deep into the fertilizer business as Senator Kremer pointed out, but I think that the more you talk about this issue the deeper we all get, and I wonder if we aren't really perhaps spending too much time over an issue that really isn't that important. I don't...I really don't see the logic of some of Senator Newell's complaints. Senator Newell said he'd like to put the tax on everything. I know he would. He would not like to see the income tax raised very much, or the sales tax raised very much, but he'd like to tax everything that walks, talks, is used in a piece of business, or anything else. That is his philosophy, and he's entitled to it, and it's different than mine obviously. I think that Senator Sieck said if it's a piece of farm equipment it shouldn't be taxed... well, I don't like to do this because I'm going to call some attention to an industry which I...which I would just as soon leave alone, but you know, an airplane that I fly that applies only chemicals to farm crops is exempted from personal taxes, and that's business equipment also in that instance. But this piece of equipment is not, we are not asking to exempt it from taxation. We are only asking that it be exempted from being classified as a motor vehicle. Now if you can call that Big A a motor vehicle, you can call a combine a motor vehicle. You can call a self-propelled baler, a self-propelled vehicle of any kind a motor vehicle. I think that...and I'm a little disgusted, in fact, I join Senator DeCamp, I'm very disgusted that the industry comes to this body repeatedly and wants to tack this piece of legislation onto something else. I agree with Senator Carsten. The blooming thing ought to have been a bill by itself, but is is not that major an

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