

see who wishes to speak on this bill. Senator Remmers, do you wish to speak on the motion to indefinitely postpone? Before you begin, Senator Remmers, let me introduce some guests of Senator Eret who are in the south balcony. They are members of the W.I.F.E., farm women's organization, that are in Lincoln today. Rose Griess of Sutton and Glora Griess of Aurora. And of senators in Lincoln are guests, 14 ninth grade students from the Livingword Christian School in Lincoln with their teachers. So if the ladies from Sutton and Aurora and the students would stand, we would like to recognize you and welcome you to the State Legislature. Senator Remmers, and after Senator Remmers, I have these speakers, Rod Johnson, Nelson, Rogers, Vickers, Schmit, Wesely, Haberman, Sieck. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the kill motion and support the bill. I appreciated an opportunity to be a co-sponsor to this bill and give it my wholehearted support. We do have a depressed farm economy and I think this is something...we have had a lot of bills in this Legislature to try to help the farm economy. There isn't any one of those bills that would do as much for the farm economy as exempting the tax on farm machinery repairs. I live...my district borders Missouri and Kansas. We have a lot of farmers that make an extra trip into Missouri or Kansas to buy their farm equipment, machinery, and repairs which means that not only do the businessmen lose the business but we also don't collect the tax. Farmers are carrying a very heavy sales tax burden now. Senator Johnson remarks about the man taking his typewriter in to get it repaired. Well, I would say that many times the farmer will carry out one piece of equipment that he can carry very handily in his hands, just one spare...one repair part for a tractor that will cost several times as much as that new typewriter might cost. There is no other industry, no other business that is so dependent on property, and I don't think there is any tax today that is probably more unfair than the property tax. We have tried to do some things to relieve the burden on property tax. We hear this all the time, we should do something about the property tax. But the farmer is more dependent on this type of a business than any other business. His repair costs run into thousands of dollars every year and we are going to give some extra help, we talk about these farmers, helping them, this would certainly do it. As far as the farm economy getting the breaks, I don't think that has been the