

still think that was a bad public policy.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The call is raised.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I still feel that was at that time and is a bad public policy and I am hoping that before the end of this session we can reverse that decision. There is an amendment filed. I do have one filed on that subject. But I do feel that this one is closely aligned to that one but most of my interest is directed toward that particular aspect of this issue and I am hoping that we can get that reversed. But I don't want to be unfair. I don't want to cause a tax increase even though I believe in my heart that we are going to have one irregardless if this bill passes or not. I think that the budget is very clear that we are going to have to probably make an adjustment in our revenue source of some sort or kind. I'm not sure which. I assume it would be income tax. But it is my feeling that the best thing we can do for agriculture is, of course, continue to put a lot of pressure on the federal government. We have tried to pass ag policies on this floor that I think are only piecemeal approaches to the seriousness of the issues and that this may, in effect, offer some reprieve to paying taxes but we also recognize that when we don't pay taxes that the revenue that was lost is going to have a direct impact upon the budgets that this Legislature will be forced to deal with and pass. And so I don't feel that if LB 219 advances today that we are going to see a built-in tax increase because of it. I think there are a lot of other factors that will force us to make that decision once we begin debating the budget issues of this year. But I wanted to make it clear that my interest in this subject is not as directed to LB 219 as much as it is to getting at the issue of the occasional sales and getting that reinstated the way it was before LB 715 passed last year.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Legislature, I voted not to indefinitely postpone LB 219 and will probably vote to advance LB 219 because I take Senator Haberman at his word that if he doesn't find the \$4 million on Select File, that he will personally indefinitely postpone LB 219. But I also wanted to stand here and say that I will help Senator Haberman by asking every state senator that represents the agricultural district that I