

certainly will cost the state less. I recognize the dollar amount that is included in this amendment. I don't know if I have the votes here today. I haven't worked the bill that much. I simply am offering it for people to express themselves one way or the other. To conclude, I would say that I have not won on very many motions on this floor in the last three days. I don't know if I will win here today either but I have at least offered you opportunities to try and address the farm crisis the way I have seen it through tax formulas, through other motions and other bills, and I am hoping I can find at least 25 people who are willing to allow agriculture an equal footing in the tax issue as it was before LB 715 was adopted a year ago. With that, Mr. President, I would ask for the adoption of the amendment, please.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. The question is, shall the Rod Johnson amendment be adopted to LB 1027? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Ten more seconds. Senator Rod, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I would just ask for a record vote.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time is up. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1948 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The amendment loses. Do you have anything more on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I have. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is one by Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vard, please, on amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I am really going to ask for your indulgence this evening because this amendment is so large it is now occupying one table over here and it is about to be passed out and put on your desk. This amendment, this amendment has been very carefully worked through, but there will be a couple