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that Senator Schellpeper listens to special interests too if you follow some of the bills that he has proposed on this floor. So that's my little pitch, but I'm going to steal a line from Senator Kerrey who is our former governor, who incidentally won the gold yesterday in South Dakota. He said, I heard him say time and again, why waste time arguing with somebody that is going to disagree with you in the end? And that's pretty much my message, but I do have a legitimate question from some of my rural constituents that agree with the 3-R committee plan and realize that this is probably the only one that that we'll accept, but they do have some questions and I would like to ask somebody on the committee if they could answer that question and I hope filtered through me that the question is understandable. Senator Warner, would you tell me so I can tell my constituents about the tax on farm machinery. Could that possibly be some day another liar's tax?

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Warner, would you like to respond.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, the amendment that was adopted conceptually in the Revenue Committee sets up a system where the depreciable value is a uniform method for all equipment, is tied essentially to a system where the reporting of the date and the purchase price is recorded. I do not believe it, as it is structured, becomes a liar's tax for the simple reason that...

SENATOR ROBAK: Where would it be recorded?

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon?

SENATOR ROBAK: Where would it be recorded?

SENATOR WARNER: On your income tax.

SENATOR ROBAK: And who could audit this?

SENATOR WARNER: Who'd audit it?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yeah, I mean are we sure that it will be recorded properly?

SENATOR WARNER: Well obviously it could be a couple of places, one, the local assessor has authority to look at the depreciation of equipment under the legislation. Obviously the Department of Revenue in the normal auditing of any income tax