

dollar figure as far as lost revenue. My amendment does not address a replacement source of revenue. That is probably the biggest deficiency of my amendment. It is not that I am opposed to looking at alternative revenue sources from both business and agriculture to provide for this exemption on the sales tax, but it really addresses two things. You know as I see it, one, it addresses a perception of unfair treatment under 1063 by the 3-R proposal on machinery and, secondly, it addressed the issue of border bleeding that we have talked about many years in this Legislature, that a number of implement dealers along the borders of our state have suffered because the farmers or customers can simply go across the line, go into a state that does not tax machinery and buy it there. Now granted, you're supposed to pay that tax when you bring it back into Nebraska, but obviously sometimes that does not happen and probably rarely happens. The key thing about this whole amendment I guess in my perspective is this is not something that I would call window dressing, something I could offer, if it fails, I can go home and I can say well I tried my best to get machinery off. I have told a number of people I want to win on this one and not win just today, but to win it all the way through the passage of LB 1063 which I am convinced based upon all these votes that have been going up on the board for the last seven, eight days, appears to be the vehicle we're going to ride to address this issue. And whether I agree or disagree with that bill, this is a critical vote for me as to whether or not I personally would be willing to support 1063. It's a big issue I think to a lot of the rural folks that feel like we are simply having no voice in this process at all, that we're simply being handed to taxation that we simply do not agree with and as I said in my opening, I guess I look at this as the critical component of LB 1063 in my mind and in some other people's minds that I've talked to. So with that I'd like to move the amendment. I would like to hear the discussion. As I said, I believe there is an amendment forthcoming from Senator Warner and some others that addresses this issue, maybe in a way that it may be more palatable to some of the folks who may vote against the outright repeal of sales tax on new and used machinery. So with that I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Landis, followed by...Senator Hall, do you have a point of personal privilege?

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, I would ask for a point of order