

time. When is that day going to come? I don't know. If I've got any time left, I would like to give it to Senator Moore. I think he would like to conclude. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, unfortunately, this morning has probably been the worst day of debate on this issue in two weeks and I think the acrimony is setting in. I think that's indeed unfortunate. Now this morning, I, like others, went out to my district and I gave a presentation about how the progress the Legislature is making on the tax issue through the process of elimination by doing things and how, believe it or not, it actually is working just as it should. And some people are winning, some people are losing, but in the end we'll come up with something. I think one of the reasons we have a problem this morning is for the first time in two weeks, through a procedural motion, and I respectfully disagree with the Speaker, I...I...I agree with his ruling on this and it wasn't the supporters of the 3-R Committee that challenged this, it was Senator Hall, but I certainly believe it would be in the best interest of the body to work through this, the issue of sales tax exemption on farm machinery. A clean sales tax exemption was something that was discussed extensively in the 3-R Committee hearings. It was a motion that failed when we drafted that plan and it's something that's been talked about for several months and I simply feel the body should have the opportunity to vote on that. And, true,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...a vote to suspend the rules is the same as that, but I think it would be a...you know, for some reason, if that rule suspension fails at 27 votes, this body is going to have a hard time putting it back together and we have heard people say many things this morning that the tension is getting thicker, I certainly wish the body would let the process work, let things fall and rise on their own account, let them be voted on. Something like this is not new in the picture. It's something that's been injected in the conversation for months. And I respectfully disagree with the Speaker that we should have the opportunity to vote on this and, yes, it is an oddity. What we're dealing with is an extraordinary measure in our state. We spent two weeks debating something and I certainly believe we should suspend the rules and have an up or down vote on a