

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Morrissey. Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this moment requires forbearance on all of our parts. One of the reasons that we're here is because in an attempt to accommodate the interests that have been raised so eloquently by my rural colleagues in particular, an attempt to bump closer, I believe is George Coordsen's phrase, to bump closer to the goal line and it was drafted and that amendment was drafted to accomplish a certain end which was to achieve a certain fiscal or financial goal. The language that we used was premised on one theory as to how to compute that appropriate amount of money. In making that change we move from what is currently a wholesalers tax system to what is now contemplated as a retailers tax system and when we did that we failed to take into account this exemption that is in the law now for custom blended items. To make sense out of the system you need to tax the retailer and you need to tax the custom blended. This is the kind of thing that happens in a legislative session moving this quickly in which you're trying to make accommodations, in which you go back to a very difficult tax code, you change the way you're doing work and it is possible to find a glitch. We've stumbled upon a glitch. We're now trying to do the thing that we said we were doing yesterday in the Lindsay amendment. We said one thing but actually it accomplished another. That failure, I suppose, is the introducer's failure, it's the supporters failure, it's the group who sat down and worked the thing out. It's the bill drafter's failure, it's revenue's failure, there's plenty of blame to go around here, but it is understandable. We need a moment of forbearance here to draft this language so it does what we always intended to do which was to raise an appropriate amount of money to meet the burdens, to create the farm machinery sales tax exemptions cost to our system of government and that's what is happening. Undoubtedly this gives the opponents of 1063 another chance to raise their continuing litany of objections, but at this moment this is the kind of thing that if you are not on the 20th...to the end of the days in the session with things moving as they are, you might be able to solve easily when you had a week to draft an amendment. We don't. We're not operating those straits and we need the forbearance of the body to recognize the difficult circumstance of being in this rarefied situation with a filibuster on, with a hotly contested issue and with the attempt