

amendments that were offered to LB 3 that came out of committee. The reason LB 3 came out of committee, the reason LB 1 came out of the committee, frankly, ladies and gentlemen, is because folks were willing to agree in committee to (a), keeping LB 1 unamended, in other words, reenacting 1063 unamended so there would not be a challenge to that issue just based on substantive changes that were made to the bill. All the members of the Legislature agreed to that on General and Select File. And in order, frankly, to get the votes to bring the bill out of committee, I had to do some fancy dancing and say, look, members of the committee, let's gut LB 3, the original bill that Senator Hefner brought in dealing with an exemption for young farmers on this issue, and let's put these two changes which the committee felt were technical changes and, to a certain extent, a policy change in Senator Coordsen's, but one that both...neither of which were opposed by the Revenue Department or, as a matter of fact, anyone in committee. They were not opposed. And then, subsequently, as Senator Withem pointed out, there was a memo dated yesterday that went to the four cosponsors of LB 1. I mean the fact of the matter is this debate, itself, is a grand argument for not having personal property tax at all. It just lays it right out there for you to see, that you can't do it in a very fair manner. It's a four-letter F word that doesn't seem to fit when you are talking about personal property tax and that is fair. It does not work. It does not work in this context. It will never work. Hopefully with the constitutional amendment that was passed, that at some point, as Senator Schrock asked me about 20 minutes ago, he said, Tim, this really just means that we are going to exempt all personal property tax down the road, doesn't it? I said, Ed, I hope so. I sure hope so. The fact of the matter is the Coordsen amendment is, if anything, it is a fairness issue again. Do you put a personal property tax on top of the sales tax? We don't do it for automobiles. The problem with this issue is that the definition of depreciable property doesn't take into consideration how you handle it on your tax forms, it just says if it is depreciable, you are subject to the tax. If I choose to expense it or expense that sales tax or capitalize it, put it into the depreciation because it makes a tax advantage advantageous for me to do that, I no longer have that ability now. The other thing is is that the Coordsen amendment deals with...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...policy that has yet to really, I guess,