

I was here when we talked about the tax on fertilizer, and it seemed to me that that was the compromise. We do a lot of compromising. And, Senator Warner, you said this seemed to be a logical action. Sometimes the Legislature does a lot of illogical actions, as in my opinion. But at that time, that was a trade-off for the sales tax repeal on farm equipment. And from the letter that Scotty Moore...or Senator Moore passed around, that impact was a reduction of \$15 million for agriculture. The fertilizer tax was about 7 million added, and then there was 12 million added on the personal property tax on equipment and livestock. I was hoping Senator Moore or Senator Coordsen would be here so I could ask them how much the impact of a bill that I believe went on to Select yesterday, which took livestock off the personal property, amounted to. And I don't know...maybe Senator Warner, could you tell me what that amount was that will be exempted from the personal property tax for livestock?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, there's no impact, zero impact to the state. I believe the numbers that are used is 4.8 billion, I believe, statewide, but it all reflects on property tax. And as I recall three point something of that would essentially fall back on agricultural land, and the balance would probably be distributed, be a mixture of maybe some ag, commercial, residential on a statewide basis.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So, maybe a trade-off then.

SENATOR WARNER: (inaudible).

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, that would go back on property, which of course might be a trade-off. But anyway, that's the historical part of it, as I recall it. Now, Senator Beutler brings us an interesting proposal. And I have a question for Senator Beutler, if he would yield, if he is (inaudible).

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Beutler, you have, as was pointed out, 13 various areas that you think would be a good place for fertilizer tax to go, instead of being completely exempted. Of those, are any of...are these all new programs, or would this be replacement for programs that are now in effect?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that's a good question, and a point