

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, is Senator Elmer anywhere near?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well anyway, he had said when he started speaking that he was reluctant to bring this motion, I was just going to ask him, is he really reluctant and if he was why he brought it, but...because I'm curious about things and the human mind wants to know and inquiring people in the culture corner want to know, at least this one did. But I was going to tell him it reminds me of what the British said about George Washington because as you know what he did that made him a patriot in this country made him a traitor or treasonist person in England. So they were not willing to accept at face value what Americans said about George Washington having never told a lie, but because they were very diplomatic and this is what I would have said to Senator Elmer. Is it possible that he on occasion engages in a harmless bit of hyperbole? But at any rate, since Senator Elmer is not here, I won't use that as a basis to start some other questions that I was going to ask him. But, oh, Senator Moore had said something about doing something this one year and how difficult it would be not to continue doing it and we know that that's true because Senator Moore is demonstrating that to us right now with LB 37 because the fertilizer tax was put on last year and now they're coming back this year to take it off. So what we all realize and understand is that what happens during one session does not bind a subsequent session of the Legislature. I don't care what words are used to express the idea in the language of the statute itself. I don't care what kind of statements are made on the floor during the debate which led to that decision being taken. When months pass, when another session comes, different forces that are at play and the dynamics change, the Legislature will change its mind. It would really be a bad thing if a Legislature could not change its mind. I often disagree with those changes, sometimes I try to encourage the changes, but those changes are necessary and they will come. On the vote yesterday there were people who probably voted for that amendment knowing inside or feeling inside that it was not going to stick. Well now we have arrived at the point where people's feet will be put to the fire and a determination will be made as to whether or not that vote will endure. I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens, I was going to ask Senator Moore but he's left his mike, oh, Senator Moore, have you talked to the