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proper amendment. We still have a problem in this area that we need to come up with a solution but I think that this is a step in the right direction and I support the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the Fenger amendment to 360?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I also support Senator Fenger. We have a first hand problem at our place. One of my sons has a diesel truck and a couple of diesel cars and he has had to go through the process of bonding himself to be a dealer in order to have this fuel on his farm. He does have it in a separate tank and I believe that by eliminating the bonding which I think costs about \$20 for the smallest dealer which isn't much but it is an incentive certainly not to do it and I think this would help some and there certainly are many more diesel cars on the road today and many farmers have diesel trucks also and many of them I am sure are not paying the tax on it which is illegal but you are kind of dumb if you go to all the trouble to get that license and pay your \$20 when you have got a tank of diesel fuel setting in your yard. It is a little more trouble to be honest. If you do try to be honest it is a hassle to get everything in order and get the bonding so I support Senator Fenger. I think this is an issue we need to look further into than just this deep because we should be able to handle that diesel fuel very similar to the way we handle gasoline on our farms. So I support Senator Fenger.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker and Senators, having been in the bonding business for over fifteen years I can tell you this is not the only bond the state requires. It is a pain in the neck to the businessman. It is a pain in the neck to the bonding companies. Sometimes we write these bonds and the premium is \$20. The commission an agent makes does not even pay him to write it. I would like to talk to Senator John DeCamp and ask him if maybe the Banking and Financing and Commerce Commission ought to do a study on all the bonds the state requires that go back fifty years and they are totally unnecessary and I would, even though, you know, I write some of these motor fuel tax bonds, I don't mind losing the commission on them because there is not that much in them. They are a pain in the neck and I do not think they are necessary in many cases. So I support Senator Fenger's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to respond?