

scale, and I can't do anything about that, and that will always be there, and that exists in this area, too. You can't do away with that. Well, I'm now to the point where I'm repeating myself, and I will rely upon the assumption that you have all listened once, and I appreciate that. But I ask you not to adopt the Wehrbein amendment, because that is bad policy.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you. No further speakers. Senator Wehrbein, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. I would like to ask for a roll call vote, call of the house, roll call vote, and a reverse order roll call so we may be planning on that. But I simply would say in closing that I simply think that Senator Beutler makes sense in many cases, and I don't have any quarrel with what the intent is to do. I just feel that this is an undue burden on small business, in this case agriculture, too, in addition to other small businesses that use these underground tanks for their own storage. I don't have any quarrel, perhaps the industry was receptive to having the additional rates put upon them in the commercial operations. And if we can figure out a way to define the difference between commercial and privates using these tanks, I would be receptive to that kind of thing. It just seems to me that this is a much too aggressive tax, if you will, for small businesses there is no way to pass it on, in the terms that I'm thinking of. There are about 11,000 tanks in the state, it's unknown as to how many of those are so-called commercial operation versus those that are scattered around the state for own private use. But I just can't see the need for making this this aggressive at this time, with no way to pass it on when you're using particularly a small volume as compared to the large. So there ought to be a fairer way. I think volume would be something to be looked at. I just feel this 409, based on statements yesterday, would not...many were going to vote against it because of this particular section of the bill. That's one of the reasons I put the amendment in. I think 409 needs to pass, and I think it ought to be in the shape that we can all support it and not have several oppose it, and it doesn't move forward, and we are in a jam, I submit to that. But let's look at some more fairer way to address the different "gallonages", the different volumes that go across in underground tanks across the state. So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I would close and ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. A request has