

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Hall hit it right on the head. He said these big companies can't afford it. What I am saying, these small companies can't afford it either and so an energy tax is an unfair tax to those. I realize that ma and pa businesses probably won't be hurt too much but what I'm talking about are these small industries, small industries like the small cement plants, the small gravel pits, the small dehydrators, and I could go on and on. They're energy intensive just like Nucor is or just like some of these other big industries is. But I'm saying that it's just as unfair to these small industries as it is to these large industries. I don't like the energy tax and this is why I offered this amendment. Also, I don't think it's fair to be charging a small corporation \$150 and charging a large corporation \$150. This is very, very unfair and this is why I offered this amendment. And, Senator Landis, does that...does that mean when you asked me to withdraw this amendment, does that mean that you won't be adding any more amendments to any bills on Select File? I don't think that's fair. If we don't want to do that, well, why don't we put it right in our rules. So I would encourage you to support this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Hefner's closing. We will now vote on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Hefner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is not adopted. Anything further or any other amendments?

CLERK: I have no further amendments at this time to the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay, now we are back on the Hall amendment and I will go through the list of speakers again. Senator Robak, did you wish to address the Hall amendment?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, after this lacing down I got from Senator Landis I'm a little hesitant to do this at this point in time but I do have a question for Senator Hall. Senator Hall, right now we do pay sales tax...some people do pay sales tax on electricity. Is that right?