

first place. In the second place, it's just not worthwhile. It looks like it's billed as a compromise, people say it's a compromise, but really it's not a compromise to any great extent. Agriculture is still picking up the majority of that bill to keep the State General Fund harmless and so there's really no point in this whole exercise. That's my comment and I would like to hear some other people tell me where I'm analyzing...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: ...this in an incorrect manner. I don't think I am, but I would certainly like to hear Senator Warner or Senator Landis or Senator Withem or anyone else tell me where the advantage is to agriculture, that this, in my opinion, this amendment which is primarily just sugar coating to collect some rural votes without having us look at what kind of an amendment, what the amendment really does and it does not benefit agriculture. It will add, I'm sure, a few people over in the Department of Revenue to keep track of all these things but basically it is not doing anything.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members, I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question if I could. Senator Warner, as I read this, the sales tax on energy for irrigation will be taxed at 1.25 percent. Is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: That's correct.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: And it will raise \$4.5 million.

SENATOR WARNER: Well it's not just irrigation, Senator Schellpeper. It would be fuel used, for all energy used for production of agriculture so this would, and fuel that is not taxed under the excise tax or the motor fuel tax so this includes fuel used in tractors. It includes propane used in dryers. It includes irrigation as you pointed, both electrical and propane and/or diesel as the case might be, natural gas in some instances.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, thank you. Well, I guess, as Senator Lamb has stated, we're being...we've got this carrot that we're having dangled out here and we're saying we're really