

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay, would you respond please?

SENATOR LINDSAY: For Senator Hall, I'll stay on the floor.

SENATOR HALL: Thanks. I saw you come in. That's why I asked. John, the definition of what nitrogen fertilizer or soil conditioner is, it says, as defined in Section 81-2,162.02. Would that be...would that include or is that strictly limited to ag chemicals or the folks that do the lawn service work in, say, west Omaha? We don't do a lot of it down where I'm at but down in...out in west Omaha where Senator Rasmussen lives or where you live.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Out on 32nd Avenue?

SENATOR HALL: Yeah, do they...can you tell me, is that...it's west of where I'm at, Johnny, the (laugh)...can you...is that included or is this just strictly...I mean, is this something that's going to be...? Because I could see where the chemical itself would fit the definition, even though its application may be on an urban residential homeowner's property, it could fall under this category and I was just curious what that definition of soil conditioner or nitrogen fertilizer is.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, my guess, Senator Hall, is that it does include that, but that on a residential lot, especially those down in yours and my area, aren't going to be large enough that it's going to add up to much more than four bucks.

SENATOR HALL: Kind of like service taxes and when you use them you pay them, and when you don't it doesn't add up to much. Thank you, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, it's a lot like that.

SENATOR HALL: Yeah, a lot like that. Thank you, John. The...I rise to oppose the amendment. I would...I guess, you know, I'd be interested in seeing what the breakdown is on how much fertilizer is used in an urban setting as opposed to a rural setting. The figure is about, what, 7 million dollars I think is what was testified to here with regard to what the amendment would raise. I'd be curious to see what percentage of that would be represented in an urban setting with regard to those commercial lawn operations that buy the product by the ton.