

just adopted. How many of these...how many people realize? And I want to read you what the...how this tax is collected. Says, commencing July 1, 1992, there is imposed a biannual registration fee of 4 dollars per ton on fertilizers and soil conditioners which will be paid by any person who manufactures a nitrogen fertilizer. Now who manufactures nitrogen fertilizers? They're large chemical companies that resemble refineries, like Cominco (phonetic), Wycon (phonetic), Allied Chemical Company that actually make the nitrogen from natural gas and air. They pay the nitrogen fertilizer. The people that make diammonium phosphate that imports in the state, they would pay that. Now let's take one, one example of what would happen under this bill. People bring fertilizer basic materials for manufacturers into this state and then recombine them. They don't manufacture. For example, a very, very common and widely used fertilizer material in liquid form is 10 percent nitrogen, 34 percent phosphate. The raw materials to make that are anhydrous ammonia and superphosphoric acid. They're imported from two different manufacturers most of the time. You would pay 4 dollars a ton for the phosphorous, you would pay 4 dollars a ton for the nitrogen. That adds 8 dollars to your basic manu...your basic material cost that no other states around us charges. Therefore, any of those people that are in that type of a business will not be able to compete with a similar blender that is outside the state because they are not manufacturers either. What you're doing with this is removing the competitive...the compatible...com...(Laugh)...the ability to compete from a large number of tax paying...solid, tax paying businesses in this state, no matter where in the state they reside, and I would put to you, ladies and gentlemen, that in addition to the other economic disincentives that is in LB 1063 by the time another two days passes there's going to be a lot of problems about getting LB 1063 passed with that last amendment on here. Yeah, I'm mad. You haven't considered what you're doing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Haberman. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Owen Elmer, you just gave me a bad case of the chills. I want to ask a question. You're telling me that if you buy a fertilizer, a composite fertilizer that has three separate types of fertilizer in it, nitrogen, potash and phosphate, that there could be 12 dollars per ton added to a nitrogen fertilizer. Would that be considered...was that the