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way this bill is drafted?

SENATOR ELMER: Excuse me, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If I understood you to say that if you put two different compounds in a fertilizer, one of them being nitrogen, that you will pay a total of...

SENATOR ELMER: Oh.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...8 dollars per ton because there are two separate compounds?

SENATOR ELMER: That...the example I gave may not be accurate because it does say that's nitrogen fertilizer, but many of the basic ingredients do contain both.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR ELMER: They do contain both. You'll combine, in a dry fertilizer mix for example, urea, which is a 45 percent nitrogen and diammonium phosphate, which is 18 percent nitrogen and 46 percent phosphate, both basically a manufactured that you'd pay that tax on so you have 8 bucks a ton more that you'd have to pay for that blended material.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I guess I'll ask...Senator Lindsay isn't here, would...where's Senator Lindsay? We just as well try to clear this up at this time. Senator Lindsay, it says a registration fee of 4 dollars per ton on nitrogen fertilizers. I guess...I don't know why we exempted fertilizers that did not contain nitrogen. Was there a reason why?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Schmit, as I said in my closing, I didn't draft the amendment. My name's on it because it happened to be in the right order to do it. This was done as a...

SENATOR SCHMIT: I see.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ..condition on the part...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay. I'm sorry.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ..of some of the rural people.