

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm sorry. I won't pick on you any more tonight, Senator. You're a very gracious legislator. Would someone else, Senator Schellpeper for example, could you tell me, Senator Schellpeper, is there any possibility that more than 4 dollars per ton could be levied on a ton of nitrogen based upon the components being one or more different types of element?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, Senator Schmit, I imagine you could probably get anything adopted that you could get 25 votes for.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No. No, I'm not trying to put anything in here. I'm asking you, based upon this amendment, is it your understanding that the maximum charge per ton, notwithstanding the number of elements in a compounded fertilizer, might be three or four or more, at least three, the maximum charge per ton would only be 4 dollars?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: The maximum charge can only be 4 dollars. I think Senator Elmer is figuring wrong. As I figure this formula, what I put on my farm, I put 80 pounds of actual nitrogen on my farm. It's going to cost me less than 40 cents an acre with the increase, an additional 40 cents an acre.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I don't quite figure that way. Forty...but then I want to ask you this question. If you have a composite fertilizer, 10-20-10, there isn't any...nitrogen, phosphorous and potash, there isn't any chance, Senator, there will be a 4 dollar per ton fee levied on each of those...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..on each of those elements?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No. No, it's...

SENATOR SCHMIT: That it's going to be on the total...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: According to the amendment, it says it's 4 dollars per ton on nitrogen fertilizers.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay. Then I assume that Senator Owen Elmer may be incorrect.