

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right, he is.

SENATOR SCHMIT: All right. One more question. Why just the nitrogen fertilizers? Why not other fertilizers?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'm looking at some figures here. Would you say that again (inaudible)?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Why do we levy the tax just on nitrogen fertilizers, not on other fertilizers?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That I can't tell you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay. Thank you. I would assume it's because a large number of the fertilizers are blended but, nonetheless, there are some that are not. I guess I just want to say again that we have now shifted from the farm equipment people who do not need to worry about the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..farmer going across the border to the fertilizer dealer. I think it's a travesty. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, Senator Owen Elmer made me stop and think and I somewhat think, and I'm maybe just tossing this out, but I believe that this does need some clarification. When I voted on it, I thought of a ton of anhydrous, whatever kind, or if you want it liquid fertilizer, was delivered out to the farmer that we're going to pay 4 dollars a ton more. That's fine. But when I read this, for the purposes of this section, nitrogen fertilizer or soil conditioner shall mean, so on and so, but it is to be paid by the person that manufacturers it, and I don't think that's the way to do it. That should be paid by the...the wholesaler. I've never seen a manufacturer that put 4 dollars on something that when it got back out to the farmer through the normal markup process and the business process turns out to be 7 or 8 dollars a ton. I was remiss, but I believe that this amendment should be amended to say, by the wholesaler, or, as the farmer, he pays 4 dollars a ton regardless of whether it's nitrogen. And they're right, zinc is not mixed, lime is not mixed. Senator Schmit was talking awhile