

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, the Lindsay amendment was passed yesterday dealing with an alteration in the Warner amendment from the day or two before which dealt with the question of how you treat the sales tax on ag machinery and make up the replacement mechanism. A problem in the drafting of that amendment in that rather than deal with the...rather than dealing with all fertilizer I think there was some language taken out of a bill that perhaps Senator Beutler had introduced dealing with only nitrogen based fertilizer and so the amendment was drafted improperly. Under normal circumstances we would simply wait until our turn for an amendment came up and file an amendment to change that and everything would go on as it has before. Amendments get drafted improperly from time to time and they are corrected. This is not a normal circumstance. There are still a large parade of amendments ahead of us so we're taking advantage of this opportunity to reconsider. The purpose of reconsideration is to reconsider the adoption of the Lindsay-Lamb amendment. If that is voted favorably by the body we will be back to the point where the Lindsay-Lamb amendment will be before the body unadopted. At that time Senator Landis has and another member, I forget who else signed on to it, has an amendment to accomplish the proper changes in the amendment and then we'll go on from there. It's a Landis-Coordsen amendment that is being laid on your desk. So at this point procedurally what we are asking for is a reconsideration of the adoption of the Lindsay-Lamb amendment. Would urge you to vote so, Senator Landis, if you have anything to add, take advantage of the remainder of the time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, and I will be yielding some time to Senator Rasmussen to explain one other provision here. Let me tell you some of the technical changes that are in the amendment that you will be seeing in the event we get to reconsider. First, the fertilizer tax commences April 1, 1992. Secondly, we make clear that this applies to commercial fertilizers and soil conditioners. That's to take out the qualifier of nitrogen because not all of those kinds of fertilizers are covered. We originally planned to have the numbers balance and to make the numbers balance we need to make sure that we do not use the qualifying term nitrogen, but to have it apply to commercial fertilizers and soil conditioners without regard to whether or