

understanding yesterday and I asked the question repeatedly that the proposal was going to raise \$7 million. I also raised the question as to why we were only collecting the fee on nitrogen or nitrogen based fertilizers and there wasn't really a good answer for that. But are you telling me now, and maybe Senator Landis can answer this question, Senator Landis, are we now going to raise \$3.5 million annually or \$7 million annually? Would anyone be...maybe no one knows. The significant change in this amendment, ladies and gentlemen, is the date from July 1 to April 1. I think that, first of all, coming into a different fiscal year and, secondly, of course, it catches the fertilizer season. If you're worried about someone escaping on the sales this year, you ought to shove it back to March 11, I suppose. Maybe you can get something done or maybe even better yet, make it retroactive. We seem to be able to do things retroactively via the Constitution. We ought to be able to do it via a statute. I would oppose this amendment at this time because I do not believe that this amendment is exactly what it is purported to be. I'm not accusing anyone of deliberately misleading us, but if Senator Landis...is there anyone that knows if this is supposed to raise 3.5...Senator Hall, maybe you can answer it. Is this amendment supposed to raise \$3.5 million annually?

SENATOR HALL: Well that's my understanding, but I mean if they're only talking about a quarter, and Senator Rasmussen said with the change in the formula it's going to be more like 3.9 on the sales tax collection? Yeah, I don't know what it's going to do on the fertilizer. I haven't seen any numbers. If I were to offer this amendment, I couldn't get away with this, but...(inaudible).

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't think so either, Senator. I guess my concern is, am I reading from the same amendment the rest of you are reading? It says, Section 42. Commencing April 1, 1992. Is that the amendment the rest of you have? Well, ladies and gentlemen, in the absence of anyone who wants to answer any questions about this bill or this amendment to the amendment, whatever it's called, I will make some comments. Now we've known since last night that this amendment had to be drafted. We've known that, the introducers of the amendment did not, well in plain language, they goofed, and so you ought to have had plenty of time to have explained, gotten this amendment right, especially my rural friends who made the trade. If you traded the tax on energy for a tax on fertilizer, I would hope you