

found out whether you were being snookered in the process because we knew, I thought, what we were being charged for the tax on energy and now I have a little hunch that we do not know what the tax will be on fertilizers. Does anyone know? Senator Coordsen, do you know what the tax is going to be annually?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Would you repeat the question, please, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Coordsen, do you know how much money this will raise annually if we commence on April 1 with the proposal that has been handed out, designated AM3417?

SENATOR COORDSEN: The usage in 1991 was 1,889,000 total tons. At \$4.00 a ton that would be \$7,600,000 over an annual usage figure. I have no information as to what will be used prior to April 1.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I just think, ladies and gentlemen, that what our farmers got done to us was...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we were made fools of. We just traded the energy tax at whatever it was supposed to be, around \$7 million, for a fertilizer tax but our urban friends have shoved the date up two months and so we're going to get the chance to pay it twice. We're going to help bring in to balance the deficiency, double contribution. Guess that's all right if that's what you thought you were doing, but I hope you knew what you were doing. I would hope you would take a second look at it. What it means is, ladies and gentlemen, that this year's fertilizer is going to be taxed virtually in full. The other amendment, which I didn't support either, was July 1 that would have exempted the bulk of this year's fertilizer. I don't know...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...who did it, but I think that someone didn't read their numbers very closely.

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

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I'm not going to stand up and try to defeat any amendments or to fight against