

guess that an acre of corn would use five times as much fertilizer as an acre of wheat. And acre of soybeans, practically no fertilizer, but most of the farmers in this part...in the eastern part of the state rotate corn with soybeans and cut down on their fertilizer use. The farmer that is going to pay the most taxes is the one that grows corn after corn, after corn, after corn, and they will pay the fertilizer, the big bulk of the fertilizer bill. The energy tax was very troubling to me because it seems like most of the farmers in my area have a propane bill to pay once a month. They have a natural gas bill to pay for their wells. They have a natural gas bill for their dryer. They have fuel for their tractors. They may even have a stock well out in the middle of a pasture they get a bill for. Many farmers receive five, ten, or fifteen different billings on electricity in one month's time, and the rural...the REAs I think were very reluctant for this energy tax because they didn't know what was ag and what was for the household. It is tough to separate it out because this was an energy tax only on agriculture, nobody else. And so I pay my fertilizer bill two or three times a year. It is very simple, it is very clean, and it is something that all agriculture will share in, but I would say to you that the continuous irrigated corn farmer will have the biggest bill here, and that is my district. But I think it is much preferable to an energy tax and, besides, it does get that last penny on the sales tax on machinery off. So I would urge the legislative body to support this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on ceasing debate, have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President. Debate has ceased. We will now go to closing. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I just want to clarify that the amendment that we have offered has stricken the language with respect to custom produced so that it is in the appropriate form. There will be