

office yesterday and asked me how I felt and an outside lobby asked me how I felt about this bill. They were taking a count and I said I wanted to sleep on it overnight and I slept on it quite well last night and I decided that's the most great idea I've heard on this floor yet. In fact, I agree with Senator Schellpeper that perhaps we should have done this instead of taxing fertilizer. Pop has some chemicals in it that are harmful too and especially diet pop. Some are cancer causing ingredients and so justifiably if we're going to tax alcohol and cigarettes and all that other stuff that's so bad for people, we should really tax pop too. It causes tooth decay in small children and children will be helped by this education bill, funding teachers, and I actually think it's a genius idea. I had thought about it myself instead of cigarette taxes, but I really strongly, I think it's the greatest idea yet and I would support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have a couple questions for Senator Schrock.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schrock, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: How much tax will this raise a year?

SENATOR SCHROCK: This will raise \$11.5 million a year, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: And I thought we need 15 million for the teachers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well there's already 7 million out of the General Fund for the next year so that would come to \$18.5 million.

SENATOR HEFNER: What would happen to that excess then?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well I guess it would be split up among the teachers.

SENATOR HEFNER: Oh. So then in other words, we'd have \$18.5 million a year for the teachers, is that right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator Hefner.