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SENATOR WARNER: I believe not.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You believe not. Okay. Now also one of the questions that I went away with, I thought I understood it and now I am somewhat confused on it, on the fertilizer tax, are we taxing just active ingredient or total tonnage, I guess?

SENATOR WARNER: It's total tonnage.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So that's...

SENATOR WARNER: With the exception on...that was read into the record by Senator Schrock where water is added that that does not count...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, so...

SENATOR WARNER: ..in the case of liquid fertilizer.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ..so liquid fertilizer, you're not taxing the water so you're not tax...you're taxing mostly just the active ingredient on liquid fertilizer,...

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ..but yet on...

SENATOR WARNER: This...not the ingredient. It is where the water and the fertilizer is combined at the applicator's point. Might be the dealer that does the application, where they then would add water, but the weight of the liquid fertilizer as it comes in on a car or on a transport, that would be four dollars per ton of that weight. I'm not aware if...well, I doubt if there's much water in (inaudible)...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: No, I understand. I must have misstated my...

SENATOR WARNER: ..on raw material.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I understand what you're saying, Senator, and then...but then what I was trying to get at basically, I guess, is on liquid fertilizer then you're taxing it at four dollars per ton on the active ingredient. Now maybe I'm saying