

present operation. Even at \$7.00 a ton they are not making any profit. They just want to get rid of this chicken manure. They are merely trying to recover their cost of finding an acceptable method of disposing of this waste in an environmental responsive way. And I don't think that we want to discourage that kind of stewardship. The \$4.00 a ton tax makes it financially impossible to continue this practice. So I would urge you and ask you to suspend the rules, adopt the amendment, deal with the amendments that follow and then advance the bill. The tax went into effect April 1, I believe, and so we need to get moving in a hurry. If a company manipulates their compost and provides a guarantee it will fall under the definition of fertilizer and continue to be taxed. So I would move that we suspend the rules to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. On the motion to suspend the rules, Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I had a question of Senator Warner and he is in conference. It was the...I'll pass for now, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper. Senator Warner, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, Senator Warner, isn't this issue covered in your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, it is. Actually, the amendment that I filed later also covers the issue that dealt with mixing with...fertilizer with water. As you recall, Senator Schrock read into the record the intent, but the amendment I have filed puts that statement that Senator Schrock read into the statutes so it's even clearer. I just asked Senator Hefner, I guess, his comment was he'd like to see this done in the event that the other one didn't go and I have no objection I guess, that the adoption of this amendment will not be in conflict with the next one. It's not broad enough because it doesn't cover the water, but, being added to fertilizer, but if we get to the rule suspension to consider the other, then it's okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I have no objection to doing this because I assume that we will address the other issue, will have the necessary votes to address the other issue.