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SENATOR HEFNER: What we want to do is get away from that.

SENATOR ELMER: I'll see if I can't clarify that a little bit and then maybe visit a little more later.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I'll pass.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of Senator Hefner's request to suspend the rules and add this amendment. I also agree with what I heard the exchange between Senator Warner and Senator Coordsen with respect to Senator Warner's later amendments that are going to take this a little bit deeper. One of the problems we have, and I worked on the Waldbaum issue to some extent as well when I was called by that company which headquarters in still my district, but soon to be Senator Hefner's district. They handle about 450 tons of chicken waste, manure if you will, every day. And when you look at 450 tons, their option, if it isn't put out to the local farmers to spread out into their fields as a conditioner and as an additive in that sense, you could imagine what kind of another environmental problem one would have to have that kind of a waste material piling up with no opportunity, and with this kind of a tax, people certainly aren't going to, it's only \$7.00 a ton now I believe to spread, and with that much more of a tax on it, it's not going to be considered an appropriate alternative and then we wind ourselves into a much more significant problem with respect to how you dispose of such a waste. So it's in everyone's best interest that this material is distributed and used as a soil conditioner. I was informed and my staff was informed by the Revenue Department that since it was not manipulated or probably was not manipulated that, therefore, it probably would not be taxed, but Senator Hefner has gotten a different direction and so therein lies the confusion. And so this will clarify that this particular type of material can be distributed and put back into the environment in a much safer way for the environment than to have these kinds of piles and/or to have some kind of landfill with this kind of waste in it. So for clarification purposes, I think this is