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ought to be other than the way it was in the bill, which is tonnage, and the importance of at least, and I wasn't involved in the discussion, but I believe it's important to uphold the understanding that the Legislature had when amendments were adopted that brought on this tax which was the hold-harmless of the General Fund and I am in support of that principle and, therefore, would have to vote against Senator Schmit's amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Listening to the debate the last Friday and today on 719 continues to bring home the fact that all of us are uncomfortable with what's being done. We're uncomfortable because we realize that you can't tax personal property fairly unless you tax none of it or you tax all of it. We all know we can't tax all of personal property. Therefore, the course we need to follow is to try to reach some sort of a stopgap until we can convene next year and do the proper thing, get the proper kind of taxes into place to fund removing personal property from the tax rolls. We will never legally be out of this mess until that's done, in my opinion. We made some attempts this year and we'll make further attempts. I hope some...some time in the future one of the...this body will realize what we should have done this year and remove personal property from the tax rolls. As far as 719, it's like putting chocolate on a cow chip. Makes the chocolate no good and it doesn't help the cow chip. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I'd like to ask Senator Schmit a question, if he's around.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't see Senator Schmit at this time. I can go on. I really have a problem at the present time trying to open up the fertilizer situation again. I think the farmers out in Nebraska are very confused. They finally decided that they would live with the 4 dollar tax and that's where it's at. They didn't like it. They still don't like it and then they aren't going to like it, but I think by having to change the formula is not going to make that any more popular in rural