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SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...it seems to me that this proposal, or something like it might be something that we can work with on Select File, on General File and Select File as a means of going forward. Otherwise, I think that we're simply going to be giving the voters nothing, particularly, and that's just not a good solution. It certainly is not a good solution to leave here today, or even tomorrow, without doing something. So I would urge that the members adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schimek, did you wish to address this amendment? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Finally, at long last. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I really wanted to speak earlier this morning when we were discussing the amendment that would exempt inventory in feed and fertilizer, because I wanted to explain why I was going to vote no against that particular proposal. And I wanted to explain why I'm going to vote against this particular proposal. I'm explaining it, not just for my constituents, but I'm explaining it for that young farmer friend of mine, from Harlan County, who must have been watching ETV yesterday, or something, because he called me when I got home last night after having been in session. And he accused Don Wesely and me of selling out the third district. I talked with him for quite a long time, and I said that is not my intention, and I'm sure that it is not Don Wesely's intention, or, Brad, I don't know how you got off the hook, but you weren't mentioned. Eventually, I think, that all of us agree that inventories have to be exempted, it's just not a practical way of doing business. There are other kinds of policies, like the one that Brad has brought...Senator Ashford has brought before us this afternoon that I think we want to consider. But I guess what I would like to do is to be in a position where there is enough pressure that we look at the whole picture, and that we consider some new kinds of tax policy, as well as the old kinds of tax policies that we want. I don't want to...I don't want to keep just the status quo. I don't want to just exempt us to death. I don't want to just keep taking a bite out of the pie, as if we've done...as we have done in the past. It does nothing but get us into trouble, that's why we're here today. I want to be able to look at things. We talked...somebody talked about intangibles,