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SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Hall, did any of the farm groups...how did the farm groups testify on the bill?

SENATOR HALL: The...let's see here, we had the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...Nebraska Farm Bureau who testified in a neutral capacity, Bryce Neidig, and that was the only...that was the only farm group that testified at the hearing and it was in a neutral capacity.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Mr., Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I mean, the Nebraska alfalfa dehydrators, I guess you could throw in that category maybe, but they only testified on the energy tax.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Hall, I just want to say, for the record, I think it's pretty sad that an organization of 43 or 44,000 members can testify in a neutral position on a bill which has adverse implications for their industry and I would suggest that such neutrality will lead to further substantial losses in the agricultural sector in the months and the years to come.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And...thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Does anyone else wish to address the committee amendments? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, and members of the body, Senator Hall, I just wanted to ask a quick question. What is the rationale for changing the interest rate only every two years?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schimek, the formula that's put into statute is what's used by the federal government for purposes of delinquent taxes. The entire bill had a reference to federal IRS and rather than have someone argue that there was an unauthorized delegation of authority, we enacted the federal formula. If you remember on 1063, when we had the depreciation tables, we incorporated those...