

November 10, 1992 LB 1

Baack amendment. Senator Schmit. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair, members, the question here that we're talking about is the date on the Baack amendment for the fertilizer tax. I think most of us understood that it was going to be for the crop year of '93 and the date in the amendment at this point says that commencing January 1, 1993 there would be imposed a \$4 fee. We would be going back to a \$4 fee January 1st. That's only about six weeks away. It causes a lot of problems. A lot of people don't even know what land they're farming by January 1st, and, hopefully, there can be some change in that date. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Wesely. Senator Schellpeper. Senator Moore. Senator Nelson. Okay, does anyone else wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, we will now vote on the Hall amendment to the Baack amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Hall amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Hall and Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Baack would move to amend his amendment. (FA7S4 appears on page 46 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President, and colleagues, there has been a lot of concern over the dates that were in the bill and the amendment that I am offering right now will change those dates saying that effective May 1, 1993 then the fertilizer tax will go back to \$4. I think the intent was to give an operating season so that people could purchase the fertilizer for one operating season at \$3 rather than \$4, and January 1st is not a very workable date for that. So it changes that date to May 1, and I think on the second page there is also a spot in there saying that if you purchased it before May 1, 1993 and paid more than the \$3 you're allowed...or paid more than \$3, yes, you're allowed a refund on what you paid extra. So this changes the