

PRESIDENT MOUL: Then we will proceed with debate on the Baack amendment. Senator Schmit. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I would ask for a division of the question. I ask to divide, I think it's Section 8, 11, 12. I don't know how we renumbered them with my last amendment but I want to vote on the...the sales tax divisions would be the one division and the fertilizer tax would be the second division. It's the equivalent of pages 1 and 2, but I'm not sure of the section numbers now, because I want to vote for the first one and I don't want to vote for the second one.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We'll stand at ease. Request for a division has been withdrawn. I will now recognize Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I'm not speaking necessarily to the Eaack amendment alone, but I do have to...and I'm taking this opportunity, I guess, when my light is on to speak. To concur with Senator Haberman, I believe this was worked out maybe over the lunch hour or so on, I don't think some of us that are representatives of greater Nebraska were even in on the discussion or so on for the \$1 concession in fertilizer. How many of you actually know what that amounts to? Fifty dollars, \$60, a small farmer, \$20, maybe a little larger farmer \$100. And what does \$100 buy today? Maybe a bearing or maybe not that. And I don't see any concession here at all or maybe this is something that we'll get LB 1 passed. Again, I think we're getting fooled. You know, if you buy fertilizer and you have enough money to pay for it for probably by January 5th, or January 10th, you are probably purchasing it for 180 to \$185 a ton. If you're poor and you have to go to the bank and borrow the money and you can't afford to pay for that fertilizer until June or July or May, you're going to pay \$200 a ton. So actually what are we talking about? A dollar a ton on fertilizer. I don't think that anything, any compromise, and I, in all due respect to my rural or greater Nebraska senators, I think you're just being fooled. And maybe it's one way to get LB 1 passed but that concession of \$1 a ton for the paper work, here we go back again to the co-ops or to the businesses and, hey, you charged 4 and then you dummies come up with 3, and the time that it takes to change it for that \$1 a ton, I certainly have to concur with Senator Haberman, I don't think that we gained anything by doing that.