

the current circumstances. And I do fully support the bill, but, in saying that, I wish to point out a section of the bill, on page 34, that will probably cause members of this body who have agricultural use diesel constituents, users who are users of agricultural use diesel fuel that I would...and Senator Warner did mention this and I wanted to reemphasize it, that in the event that the fuel that they have available to them is the undyed diesel fuel, that they will have to pay the tax and file for a refund if it's used in agricultural purposes. And this is quite probably going to create some amount of discomfort, certainly in those that have diesel-powered irrigation systems and they don't have dyed fuel available to them from their local supplier. So I wanted to take this opportunity to mention that to you, that you were all aware of a little change in the system, that although I know of no other way to get at compliance with the federal rules with regard to dyed and undyed diesel fuel, it is going to probably generate some response from your constituents. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Pirsch, your light is next.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I have just glanced at these amendments and I do have some questions for Senator Warner, if he would yield.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Warner.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Warner, have we taxed compressed fuels before?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, that's natural gas.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. But the reason for this is because it is becoming more of an alternative for vehicle fueling. Is that...

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon? I didn't catch that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Is the reason for this Compressed Fuel Tax Act because more and more they are being used in alternative fuel and gas pumps?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I mean, the reason we're making the change, Senator Pirsch, as I indicated, was that before we had a flat fee that was paid at the point of the purchase of a