

SENATOR LINDSAY: You have three minutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, first of all, if you don't mind, Senator Schrock, on another thing you mentioned, after you left the Legislature, the next year I carried the pop tax bill and I've been trying to figure out whose goofy idea that was, to begin with. So you're the guy to blame for Senator Janssen and I having a go-around here a couple of years ago. On the issue of front-loading, I did get a chance to punch on again and speak again, Senator Schrock, and you may not have heard, but I will repeat myself, it makes sense to me, if the money is there. Now I kind of have to rely on you guys on the Appropriations Committee to let me know how much money is realistic to do this year. But I see no problem with speeding this up. I was going to comment on my own time and I may wait till my own time on how I recall that we got to the 2 million, 2 million dollar level, and I think the Revenue Committee kind of took it beyond that. But I have no problems with supporting more front-loading than is currently in the amendment and I will have to wait and weigh the numbers. I know Senator Bernard-Stevens is working on an amendment to do that. I would yield back the rest of your time to you.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Withem,...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, Senator Withem, that's good news to me because that alleviates a lot of my concerns, because I'm afraid if we go with 12 million up front for agriculture the first two years and 4 million for General Fund money, then two years from now why somebody can say, well, we didn't mean this and our obligation has only been 4 million, we don't want to put any more money in. But if we kind of let them track together, then, I, as a rural senator, feel a lot more comfortable about what we're doing. If my farmer neighbor says three-quarters of a cent a bushel on corn, what are you doing to me, well, I say, we took 15 million out of the biennium for General Fund money to more than match this and it is an ethanol bill, it does help the price of corn, then I feel much more comfortable with what we're doing. So I appreciate your response, Senator Withem,...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.