

be eligible for sales tax exemption under 775 is a very pointed one. It's...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...going to apply only to you know maybe a handful of businesses that are out there. The bulk of the small businesses again pay the sales tax just like they always do and always will do. They pay the bulk of the income tax, they pay the bulk of the property tax, the small businesses that are out there but yet we constantly cater to the larger businesses somehow feeling that we have done our job when in fact we've shown I think a closed eye and a closed tax code to those small businesses who continue to pay the bulk of the tax in that area. The fact of the matter is that individuals then pick up the balance when we pass bills like LB 106 and they will continue to do that. We can't justify the bill, but Senator Beutler's amendment at least brings some parity to the issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Is there any further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the amendment simply says that sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts, uses the traditional language on air conditioning units that are used solely by a business to produce a product sold at retail. In LB 106, in the green copy, one of the items that is exempt from tax are insecticides. Insecticides as I understand it can be applied directly to an animal or insecticides can be generally applied to the place where animals are living. They don't necessarily have to be at all incorporated into the animal in any way. To me, these two items, air conditioning units in businesses that require a super clean atmosphere are the same thing. They're the very same thing. In order to grow these animals you have to have an atmosphere that's free of insects. In order to make certain products you have to have an atmosphere that is free of dust. For the life of me I cannot see the difference between these two situations. The fact that the final product is live or dead doesn't, I can see, nor was there offered on the floor any distinction on that basis, nor do I understand any. It seems to me that we want to proceed making distinctions that are not meaningful, and that would be all right except that they're very unfair to small business people who don't benefit from the