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blending that I indicated first with methanol, benzine, so forth is not taxed when it should have been, there is a penalty for failure to have done so, which would be normal what we do with when exemptions are made based upon the reporting of the individual. Then there is a requirement in the existing law that several sections repeal, and that was for the Department of Agriculture to have to issue seals on all motor vehicle, motor fuel dispensing devices. These are totalizers. It's a practical matter. They serve no purpose because, if the totalizer rolled over, you didn't know it. They went up to so many gallon, they could go over two or three times and they were not used, had no effective purpose, so that provision is, is eliminated. In any event there are other recording methods which can easily and more effectively be used to make sure that the volume of fuel that should have a collection of fuel tax, in fact, is being collected. There is a section that establishes a Class III felony provision where false, intentionally false submitted documentation is filed purporting to show that taxed fuel, tax-free fuel was sold or purchased, tax and...as tax paid when it was not so that somewhat enhances that penalty for that kind of a violation. There's another provision that the current law required a shared database with Department of Revenue and the State Patrol, Department of Agriculture and State Fire Marshal's office. This is modified so that there still is a requirement for their cooperative efforts and shared information, but it doesn't necessarily have to be that shared database or computer base that the current statute would do. Another section of the bill also maintains the existence of the motor fuel tax, tax source. It was event...initially scheduled to go out of existence June 30 of 1997, but it would remain as a formalized method from time to time for these various agencies to, to have contact with one another when all of them are dealing with some aspect of fuel taxes and fuel, supervision of the selling of fuel in the state. And then...and I guess that's the whole bill. I mentioned that the provisions dealing with buses was retroactive, which was the, back to 1993 because that was the date that was originally...which the terminology was charged that made that ethanol, ethanol fuel taxable. So be glad to respond to questions. I think I have an amendment up there too.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Pirsch. Excuse me, Senator Pirsch. Mr. Clerk.