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programs would go by-the-by, without knowledge of whether a bottle bill would be reinstated in this Legislature rather than this tax. There are a number of questions out there that I think are important on this particular issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: On the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm tempted just to say "ditto" to Senator Beutler's comments because he...he raised the questions that I had and that's the reason I turned my light on. I would urge that you don't adopt this amendment at this time. In fact, I'd urge you don't adopt it at all, but not particularly at this time because I don't believe that we have enough information to make a...a good judgment. In addition, I do think that it is a matter which probably would need a public hearing or at least, at the very least, some public notice that this measure is even being proposed today. So, "ditto."

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I take Mister...or Senator Beutler's point to the heart. I understand this. I rise in support of the amendment for discussion purposes. I'm not sure how we got where we are, Senator Janssen, on all these various bottle bills and so on, but I do know the end result and that's our business pays the waste reduction recycling fee, we have the litter tax fee, the tire fee, so on, et cetera. And I understand that this may not be the time or place, but this is certainly going to stimulate some discussion off the floor and maybe it's something we can do at a later date. So I support this concept and I will vote for the amendment and, with that, I'll say, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. We talk about the bottle bill. Another thing at that time we...the concern was of the health problems there are