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and so I don't think it matters all that much. Senator Schimek has spent a considerable amount of time on this and she has addressed a fairness issue here and I think that's what we should see in this bill that she's bringing forward. It's a fairness issue. Let's let the big people, who have more than one location, pay more than one fee. And she has raised the threshold from 30,000 to 50,000 on the retail sales, so I commend her for doing that. Senator Baker, your thoughts on this issue are very well...well-received by me and I think the issue needs to be looked at it again. I think that's what you want to do with the sunset clause, but it probably isn't needed. So, with that, I'll conclude my remarks and thank you for your consideration.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. True, I...Senator Schrock said Senator Schimek has worked hard on this. Yes, she has. She's been open to all kinds of suggestions and ideas that those of us who are...who are a little skeptical of this...of this program, but Senator Baker's amendment is not a bad idea. This would save...save some time. It would make them sunset at the same time. Then we can go back and look at them after we've had an interim study and some more ideas brought forth on here. And by combining the two of them, like we will study this summer, hopefully, that will save a lot of administrative costs. You know, I...if the two could be, we should have probably done that several years back when these programs were put together. I have heard figures of up to 40 percent in administrative costs and I think part of that could be saved. We could cut that in half anyway if the two were together. So these are the kind of things we're looking at. But, Senator Baker, your...your amendment I think is worthwhile because of the facts that I have stated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett, for discussion on the Baker amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and colleagues when Senator Baker brought this to sunset this project, I remember