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Committee, in conjunction with the interested parties, will be able to bring to you a proposal that is not that contentious and would still meet our needs and still preserve the ability to fund what I think we all view as important programs. And it is that commitment that I would make to you, and I think if I have misspoken for the committee's intentions or the attitudes of individual members of the committee, I hope that they would speak up and advise you otherwise. It is not my intention to mislead you about our goals or our commitments. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I also rise to oppose the motion this morning. The Revenue Committee has assured Senator Beutler and Senator Schrock that we're not going to move away from some form of a tax on fertilizer. We're also not going to move away from any commitment to help the NRDs. But the current formula that's out there right now of one dollar of tax on all fertilizers that shows up on every fertilizer bill is probably the most unpopular tax that we have in this state currently. We need to move to a tax that is on fertilizer that shows up, that really goes to the retailer and is on the ingredient form that will be added on to your bill. I can go to five different dealers. I get five different prices. A one dollar a ton tax to the dealer will be passed on. They're not going to absorb it. But the Revenue Committee is committed and we have assured them, Senator Beutler and Senator Schrock, that we will do this. We will come back and we will find some tax on the formula. We're willing to work with the Corn Growers, the NRDs, the Fertilizer Association to get a formula that is fair to everybody and that's also...it will be a tax, if you can call it a hidden tax if you want, but it will be a tax that will actually be there. We're not opposed to NRDs, we're not opposed to using fertilizer tax, and I think trying to pull the bill at this time is trying to pull a very unpopular tax that is very unfair to agriculture 'cause it's so forward and it's right out there every time you pay that bill. If you get ten ton, you got ten dollar tax, fertilizer tax. It needs to be covered up in a different way. We can do the same thing but just in a little different formula. We're willing to work with Senator Beutler, Senator Schrock to get this worked