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and will.... And, if it would pass, I would not support Senator Beutler's 582 amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the motion to suspend the germaneness rule. Senator Beutler certainly is to be commended for his wanting to adequately fund the NRDs. That discussion was held on the last amendment that he had. They do have some room, that means higher property taxes, that doesn't set well with me. But I'm a little frustrated at the whole situation now. The fertilizer tax, I believe, that can be addressed at a later time. That doesn't sunset until December 31st, the year 2000. And I will be supportive of continuing some kind of a fertilizer tax, even at the risk of alienating some of my farmer friends out there, but I will do that, Senator Beutler, and you can hold me to that. We don't have to address that now. It'd be nice maybe if we could get it over with earlier, but that's something we can do next year, if we don't do it this year. The trust fund money, several members of us were taught a lesson in the General Affairs Committee, that's probably off limits for NRDs, or for building fund, or whatever, until a new initiative comes up. But I've kind of given up on that for the time being, I can tell you that. And I've been chastised and even the Governor has made a pledge that he will veto any attempts to raid the Environmental Trust Fund. We'll see how well his veto holds up this afternoon. But nevertheless, that's an issue that we'll have another discussion on some day. But we should...we should acknowledge the fact that the Environmental Trust Funds monied last July 1st, they doubled last July 1st the money they're receiving, because \$4 million that was going to close landfills was terminated at that time, it's over with, and the Environmental Trust Fund, as of July 1st, in the year 1998, essential doubled. They're going from about 4 million to 8 million dollars. And certainly some of us on the General Affairs Committee tried to do something, and we weren't successful. So, as far as I'm concerned, that issue is dead for me for a while. What you're attempting to do with this amendment, Senator Beutler, is to take money from the Corn Checkoff Fund that was specifically designated for ethanol projects. Most of it's been used for producer credits, and we