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Natural Resource Districts for water quality purposes. And then the second half of the amendment, and these could be considered separately or they could be considered together, would restore the fertilizer tax, not at \$1 but at 75 cents, so that there would long term be a reduction in the fertilizer tax with the difference made up out of the Securities Act Cash Fund and the trust fund that I just...I've just described. So that, I think, would be another fair way of dealing with the matter. It wouldn't make up the entire \$4 million that the NRDs are losing, but it would make up about half of that amount. So I will put that proposition for your consideration and see what you think of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the motion to sustain the germaneness...suspend the germaneness rule, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Although I suspect that Senator Beutler is bringing this in a fashion that we may not come to a vote, I do feel obligated to stand and advise you that I oppose the motion to suspend and then, in fact, I think even if we did suspend that I would oppose his amendment. Again, it is not because of any antipathy toward the needs of the NRDs but, again, it is the proposal that we need to examine these issues more carefully and perhaps to come up with something a little bit more comprehensive. The other issue that would cause me to firmly oppose the amendment that he is presenting is the extension of the fertilizer tax which, as I understand it, from reading his amendment, becomes 75 cents per ton, and a bill to extend the fertilizer tax was killed by the Revenue Committee with the promise that we would come back and try to do a better job on that issue next year. So, obviously, I would not be willing to support an amendment that contained an issue that the committee had considered and had rejected.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, if I may ask a question two.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, would you yield?