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involved in public systems, in many areas of the state are having to use bottled water at this particular point in time, and yet the pesticide dealers are contributing nothing at all to the NRDs and the cleanup of the groundwater or even the monitoring of the groundwater and the surface water. The pesticide dealers pay a hundred dollar registration fee and that is about the size of the contribution. And that hundred dollar registration fee for a label can, in many instances, cover tens of thousands of pounds of pesticides, hundreds of thousands of pounds of pesticides that are being used annually, and yet they contribute almost nothing to the cleanup of pollution. So part of the modest fertilizer fee is for the purpose of holding responsible those who are part of creating the problem, and I hope this Legislature takes an interest in making the connection, as we make the connections in all other areas, between those who cause the pollution and who benefit economically from the product that they sell with the responsibility to clean up the pollution or at least assist in the cleaning up of the pollution. So all that this amendment does is to suggest the use of the excess funds in the Securities Act, that they be used to assist the NRDs and also that a reduced fertilizer tax be put into effect so that there is a reduction in the fertilizer tax but it continues to contribute and to help with the clean-up problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I rise in support of Senator Beutler's suspension on the germaneness rules. Since he had problems in getting a vote on whether or not his original amendment was germane, this seems to be the avenue that is afforded him and that he was encouraged to take if he chose to pursue the issue. And he has done that, although it doesn't seem to have gotten a whole lot of additional support in doing it through the rules. The suspension is, as I understand it, to allow for the continuation or the removal of the sunset on the fertilizer tax, which had been a bill and which had...had a committee hearing. Unfortunately, the Revenue Committee chose not to advance the bill and to not allow the concept to be debated. I think that, in my personal estimation, that was unfortunate, and so we have before us an opportunity to