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agree...certainly agree with Ed on the nutrient percentage in fertilizer. It ought to be applied more fairly than just simply a dollar per ton because it runs from 82 percent nitrogen down to 4 percent and on and on. So, with that, I'll cease.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I really don't think this amendment is germane to this bill and I would raise that issue.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Issue of germaneness has been raised. Would you like to...let me give you an opportunity first to indicate your reasons why and then I will approach Senator Beutler.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, the bill, in its main, deals with a credit program and a checkoff that deals exclusively with producers and a specific program. All of it is contained, as I understand it, within Chapter 66. The amendment deals with a tax that is applied on a broad basis to all users of a product. It is specifically a tax and it is contained within Chapter 77. I can't see that a tax on fertilizer has anything to do with production incentives for ethanol.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, I don't think it's germane. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: I rule that it is not germane. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Beutler, AM1372. (AM1372, Legislative Journal pages 1586-1587.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized on AM1372.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I might say, by way of supplemental comment, however, that that germane...that that amendment is as germane to this amendment as this amendment, 1380, is to the bill, and I don't intend to raise that issue because you're trying to solve a problem. But if you look at the bill in its strictest terms,