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other day he nearly convinced me to vote for his bill; but when I got home, my wife had been talking to neighbors and we don't take a newspaper and she found out from them that we were still using a 1950 television set. And so, as a result of that, I was forced to buy a newer set, and so I just want... (laughter) I just want Senator Kristensen to know that his remarks cost me money and embarrassment. But putting that all aside, I again am hard-pressed to support this kind of legislation. The amendment that Senator Wickersham brought forth does do some good, but it doesn't do enough. So I suspect I'll probably, even though setting all my embarrassment aside, I will continue to oppose Senator Kristensen's legislation. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. On the Wickersham amendment, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I also want to point out, I don't know how to top Senator Vrtiska there, but a federal mandate that actually put a lot of people out of business a few years ago was the mandate that retailers and so on selling refined fuels had to upgrade their tanks whether they were above ground, below ground, wherever. Caused a lot of people to simply say, no, I'm not going to do it, and got out of business. But those who did do it, that upgraded their tanks to underground tanks, double-wall fiberglass tanks, surface tanks, containment, monitoring wells, monitoring system, they paid sales tax on all that, federal mandate. And the removal costs were thrown in there. I don't know that they have removal costs on this equipment they're going to be replacing that parallel what the retailers had to do, or even farmers. A lot of farmers had to simply dig up their tanks. That was a mandate that was totally effective December 31 of 1998. I'm going to watch this bill and figure out some way, if it should happen to pass, that we can go back and refund all those sales tax bills to those people, but I don't think that's the mood of this body. But, should that happen, maybe I will try something like that. But I also will oppose the Wickersham amendment as well as the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close.