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operators. They have to be licensed. They have to take a training course. They have to be licensed and trained. There is quite a little oversight on that. I know we have come to the conclusion on our farm, and not many people...not everybody's this way, that we would like to have these ferti...these chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, applied professionally. When they do that for a business, every day work, it seems like it's done professionally. In most cases, there is less room for error. I can tell you when there has been errors. A little side note here, I still find this kind of amusing. Right now I don't believe you can apply over about a pound and a half of atrazine on corn. That's about what you're allowed to apply. They've brought that rate down. Well, once upon a time we applied atrazine through one of our sprinkler systems, and my wife and I decided to go to a movie one night in Kearney, and as we were looking, an airplane was flying over the field that we'd applied this atrazine to. And so we made a couple of phone calls and, lo and behold, we had another three pounds applied...of atrazine applied to that piece of ground. That was the cleanest cornfield in the county. The corn didn't care. It's very tolerant to atrazine. But there is a case where there was a mistake made, a misapplication. What do you do? No, I did not pay for it, Senator Janssen. They never even asked me. They never even considered it. But like I said, it was probably the cleanest cornfield in the county. And atrazine is a very widely used herbicide. Right now the application of atrazine is regulated by the Department of Ag, but I think in the past they have worked with the NRDs where there has been applications...misapplications taking place. But if there is a problem, then the Department of Ag is...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That was a political decision made when we enacted FIFRA, and I would hope this vehicle would not be used for an attempt to try to change that, Senator Beutler. I know your intentions are good, but from that standpoint, I would ask the...I would ask the Legislature to vote this amendment down unless Senator Beutler withdraws it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. I see no further