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lights on the amendment. Senator Schrock, you'd be recognized to close on AM0049. I am sorry, Senator.

SENATOR SCHROCK: (Microphone malfunction) ...strikes "pesticide" from the bill, and I would encourage you to vote green on this amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendment, if that...there's no further closing, is that correct, Senator Schrock? We will now vote on AM0049 to LB 93. All in favor signify by voting aye, and opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I'd just like to concur with what Senator Schrock has already stated, and he has done a good job of explaining it. I think this bill kind of goes along with the last one, LB, what was it, 30, so we have some teeth in the law. Some people say, why are people in agriculture even asking for something like this, more fines? It's because when...many times when people are bad actors, they are even turned in by their neighbors because nitrates have become a problem in many parts of the state. And if we have a bad actor, it adds to that problem that we are all going to pay for it. And all this does is...does...has...goes a little further than just the time of application. It also has the amount of application. It's only in a certain area where there is a nitrate problem. And I'm sure there has been a little confusion on whether the NRDs would go out there and try to define how much ag nitrogen they put on, because you would have to do it field by field. You have to look at the prior