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Senator Bourne please return to the Chambers? The roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1134-1135.) 6 ayes, 31 nays, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The amendment is not adopted. We now return to...first, I guess I raise the call, and we return to the discussion on the committee amendment. Senator Beutler is recognized to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, let me make some additional inquiries with you with respect both to the language of the bill and as to your general philosophy. I understand basically that your philosophy is ultimately balanced by the...is obviously is ultimately...your position on this bill is ultimately dictated on your analysis of the state of the agricultural industry and the fact that they cannot bear this cost, if I'm understanding it correctly, essentially. Would that be essentially accurate?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. Certainly that's a major consideration, Senator Beutler

SENATOR BEUTLER: What are the other considerations?

SPEAKER BROMM: The need to have, I think, some certainty in the law I think is a major consideration; those two factors I think are...trying to go to the extent that we can to include those that have a commercial flavor, but not burdening the industry so much that more of our family operations are going to quit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay If we could set up a system...if we had the General Funds right now to do this, to protect these workers with workers' comp, I mean we could put General Fund monies into paying the premiums in this particular area. Would that be something you would favor if we had the money right now? I understand we don't.

SPEAKER BROMM: Well, that would alleviate some of my concern