

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Remmers amendment could...I don't think Senator Remmers' amendment would have an effect on Becton-Dickinson because they would already be exempt. The real question would be in other areas that we know are not exempt where the other area was able to come in and show that more than...that less than 50 percent of the energy cost in effect was for human consumption purposes, like heating for humans or air conditioning for humans, such as a grocery store might be able to come in and show that more than 50 percent was used for cooling cases and the like, then they would suddenly become exempt industries. According to the Department of Revenue, we could end up losing about 50 percent of the revenue to be generated by this bill on account of that. Now I will refresh my memory by looking at Senator Remmers' amendment again. If I have a slightly different answer, I'll give it to you in just a moment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: While you are looking at that, I would like to ask Senator Hannibal, because you are on the revenue producing end and Senator Hannibal is on the revenue spending end. Would you give me your answer to that question, Senator Hannibal?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Schmit, as I understand the Remmers amendment, what he is doing is saying that in this plant where you have heat and lighting for human comfort and convenience, that it is heating and lighting this plant, or cooling, air conditioning, that if that item there is not going into the manufacture of the product, all of a sudden you will have a situation where that plant would not be exempt because the majority of their utility cost would be for human comfort and convenience, that comfort and convenience being heating, lighting and cooling for the plant. So I can see where Senator Remmers' amendment would make your plant nonexempt if it were passed, whereas we look at that kind of heating, lighting and cooling as directly part of the processing and manufacturing product under the way the bill is written right now. So I think it would adversely affect that particular company.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd like to ask Senator Remmers if he understands his amendment in that same capacity. I believe I understand what you just said.