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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I've talked to Senator Beutler and he talked to Senator Brown about the procedure I'm going to use this morning. If you look at that long list of amendments, don't look beyond the first five. I may not use all of those. But rather than try to craft amendments which would not be adopted, I had told Senator Beutler that what I would do is use those amendments that are up there and discuss the various elements of the bill that I want to make a record regarding. And after I complete what it is that I want to say, I will then withdraw the rest of the amendments. But one of the things that I want to begin with is the notion that this bill is very intrusive, that it violates everybody's right to privacy, that it presumes people are going to commit crimes, and it does a number of other things which I shall go into in detail as I proceed. But on page 20 of the bill, there's something that I want to read to you all because farther back when I was talking about this I wanted to change some of that intent language and put words to the effect that this bill is being enacted because the federal government requires it and we're afraid of losing federal funds and that amendment was defeated. Well, let me read you something that is in the bill. This is in the bill now on page 20 starting in line 1. "It is also the intent of the Legislature to effectuate reasonable welfare reform and to comply with the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996." So they are stating that this is being done to comply with the federal law. But when I wanted to put it in, they probably hadn't read it and were not aware that was in the bill. But my amendment to that effect was rejected. So this is one of those bills which is a hodgepodge and it's difficult to get a handle on so I want to proceed in discussing it as I have done other bills when I would offer amendments and take it step by step. But before I proceed, I'd like...is Senator Elmer here?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Elmer, I'd like to ask you a question and as you walk to your mike I'll ask you. Do you...are you in the fertilizer business where you either apply it or sell it?

SENATOR ELMER: Not currently but I used to be.