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LB 889

Unless there are questions on the bill, I will just move that LB 889 be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members, I wonder if I could ask Senator Lamb a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lamb, does this only deal with fertilizer?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle. Okay, Senator Lamb. Senator Carsten, Senator Lamb wants to....

SENATOR LAMB: Maybe I should mention, Senator Carsten, I believe there is a line in here that pesticides are deleted from this bill. This is...I'd have to check that out but I believe it is absolutely fertilizer but there is a mention in here something about pesticides. All right, on page 8, it deletes some language involving fertilizer which is also a pesticide. I do not believe that that is of significance but I thought I would bring that to your attention since you did ask that question.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I believe this is a necessary bill. The fertilizer industry has changed a great deal in the last ten to twenty years. We used to buy our fertilizer already mixed and the ingredients were already put together and shipped to the fertilizer dealers. Today that is not true of most of it, in fact I would guess ninety percent or better, is blended at the fertilizer dealer's place of business. So what we are trying to do with this bill is to make sure that the ingredients that come in that are blended together to make the right analysis for fertilizer that we use are tested and are up to the standard that they are supposed to be, and of course, most of this stuff comes in by either carloads, trainloads, train carloads or by large semi trucks. So I think the bill is necessary to protect not only the farmer but also the dealer that is selling it because I am sure they don't want to put out an inferior product but many times the analysis is changed for every farm or at least for every community. One farmer may even want different