

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone who wishes to speak to Senator Lamb's amendment to the amendment? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would have to say that I assumed, I suppose, in the drafting of the amendments, which were put together with Senator Johnson's help, that the provision that payment would be made to the Extension Service was understood and that there would be compensation. The Department of Environmental Control, of course, does have the authority to make payment. I have no objection to Senator Lamb's amendment which states specifically that they shall pay and reimburse the Extension Service. It is a negotiable item. The amount of money that is required or is needed would be negotiated. I would have no objection to the amendment, in fact I endorse the amendment and ask you to vote for it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Is there any other...Senator Vickers, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I'm not too sure that I'm going to vote for the amendment. I'm not going to make a big deal out of it. But I understand the concern that because of budgetary constraints we may in fact have a cut in funds to the Extension Service. I'm not in favor of that, but I know that is one of the things that could happen, it could occur. But I would remind the members of this body that if you've hired an individual and you've got them in place and got them on the job, then giving them another duty to perform while they are on that job does not necessarily mean any additional cost. Now I look at some of the things that the county extension agents are doing out there and it seems to me that having one more duty, while they are already on the job, does not necessarily mean that we need to give the Extension Service more money to perform that other duty. You know if I've got a hired man and I'm paying him by the month, whether I've got 10 cows to feed or 15 cows to feed does not necessarily mean I need to pay him more money to feed the extra 5 cows. Now I have some problem, and maybe Senator Lamb can explain it a little more in his closing, but I have some problem with indicating that every little additional duty we give to our public employees, from a different agency, then we've got to reimburse that other agency because of that little additional duty. Thank you, Mr. President.