

enthusiastic at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired. Senator Lamb. There are other lights on such as for Senator Vickers, Rod Johnson, Senator Morehead and Senator Goll. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, I rise to express concern about Senator Sieck's amendment. This is somewhat far-reaching and I do have compassion toward the end that Senator Sieck is trying to reach. However, many of us use 2,4-D on the farms on a pretty regular basis, including the ester form, and it is true you can't spray right next to the garden because you are going to kill part of the garden, but I don't have any evidence in hand that the problem is as far-reaching and as extensive as Senator Sieck indicates. And I think to have such an amendment on a bill, which has just been stripped, at this late date without more evidence than I have at this point that there is a problem, I am going to be very reluctant to support it. In fact, I am going to oppose it because I have not seen that much of a problem and we use the ester around our place quite a bit of the time. And if we, at this point, when agriculture is suffering from economic stress, I don't think this is the time to put unneeded regulations on agriculture and since, in my opinion, there have not been sufficient evidence presented that there is a real problem, I think we should let this go for another year, have a legitimate public hearing on the issue, let the bill come through the normal channels and deal with it in that way. I think we should reject the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Lower the conversation level a few decibels, please. The Speaker wants me to introduce a guest of his under the south balcony, a gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. Mike Rierdon. If you would stand, we would like to recognize you. Thank you for coming in. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this is an issue that I really have mixed emotions with. I can understand the concern that Senator Sieck is trying to raise, especially with the fact that we do have an expanding alternative crop of market in this state with a number of people attempting to raise different vegetable products with the bean, either edible or soybean, growers expanding their operations across the state and I recognize the extent of the problem. But I do read this amendment with a little bit of concern and I think that Senator Lamb raises perhaps a good point. Maybe we had ought to have a