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that would be helpful...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...that in the end may not be helpful. So I caution Senator Sieck and others as we move in this direction that perhaps we may be overstepping. I understand the concern. I am willing to do what we can to meet that concern but I don't want to cause the problem to be worse. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I simply want to say that I concur with Senator Lamb and Vickers and Schmit that while the intent of Senator Sieck, and we have had several conversations on this, is worthwhile, I think that we are going in the wrong direction here at this particular point and I would oppose the amendment. I would assume that most farm organizations, if they were aware of this particular amendment, would probably equally oppose it. I would relinquish the rest of my time, Mr. President, to Senator Chronister.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chronister, you have about a minute and a half, I mean four and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Johnson is most generous because I am going to run counter to what he is advising you to do on this amendment. I support the amendment. In years past, ester has been important in the ag community. Its importance has diminished in the last few years because there are new products on the market that will do the same job that do not carry the danger of the drift that is encountered with the use of the 2,4-D esters. I have checked with the head of our fertilizer department and he says we don't advocate the use of esters hardly at all and he says the new products are doing just as good as the esters. They are less of a problem and I think my concern is the highway department and the railroads at times use the esters indiscriminately causing damage to farmers' crops and I don't think this would hurt the farmers at all. I think we would probably be doing them...this would benefit them. I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead, followed by Senator Goll and Schmit. Senator Morehead.

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