

82 pounds per hundred pounds. Yet we're going to adopt an amendment, agreed to by agricultural legislators they tell me, that puts a fee of \$4 per ton on nitrogen fertilizers. I do not know the nitrogen content of the sludge that comes out of the systems at Omaha. I do know there is some deep concern by some of those entities that gather it and haul it out, but if that is...if that is true and there is some concern of environmental damage, then it would seem to me that we ought to assess a fee against that sludge. At least in the case of the nitrogen fertilizer, it is bagged, it is tagged, it is tested by the Department of Agriculture and we know the actual content of the fertilizer. We can spread it uniformly over an acre of soil and know exactly what we are doing with it. The sludge that is disposed of from the treatment plants is, at this time, a nonentity. We do not know the nitrogen content of it. That may be the subject of another amendment later on because I think if we're going to allow that material to be spread, we ought to know the nature of that material. You're going to raise \$7 dollars with this amendment and what do we get in exchange for this, Senator Hall, would you tell me, or, Senator Lindsay, would you tell me that? I want to hear it from your own lips.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay is not in here, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The next time he gets back here, would someone handcuff him to his microphone? If he's going to introduce an amendment, he ought to stay on the floor. That's the first rule of thumb that a young man ought to learn if they're going to be participants in this game 'cause that's what it is. It's a charade. It is an insult and I hope that Senator Lindsay wanders back through here after awhile and has the ability to answer these questions. Would anyone else? Senator Lamb, would you have any idea? What do we get for this if we're going to buy into a ton...4 dollar a ton tax on fertilizers?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Senator Schmit, this replaces the sales tax on energy that's currently in the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I see.

SENATOR LAMB: And so...and also in this amendment we get a hundred percent refund on farm machinery sales tax instead of 80 percent.