

have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Landis and Coordsen would move to amend Senator Lindsay and Lamb's amendment. (Amendment appears on pages 1268-69 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President. Let me remind the group of what is in the amendment so you'll know what is there. Collecting the fertilizer tax as of April 1, it applies to commercial soil conditioners and fertilizers. It applies to custom blends as well. It also contains the change with respect to the collection fee, making the collection fee more progressive, if you will. This will be a tax collected from retailers of fertilizer. Those are the...thank you, collected from farmers by retailers and that will be the terms of this amendment. I ask for its adoption, the reason being this places the amendment in the form that introducers basically were striving for and to achieve the end that we asked the body to pass yesterday. This is our best attempt to draft what we asked the body to do yesterday and to endorse that. I would urge for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Hall, Landis, Hefner, Dierks, Coordsen, Morrissey, Conway, Schrock and Beutler. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman and members, first of all, I want the record to show that I did offer to Senator Coordsen to allow him to substitute the correct amendment for one of the amendments which I have in order, in fact, the first one up. Senator Coordsen conferred with the cointroducers of the amendment and they declined, so that the record is clear on that point. Secondly, I disagree vigorously with the procedure that is being followed. I do not think it is in order and I want the record to show that I do not believe it is in order and it will cause us tremendous difficulty in years to come. That having been said, I now speak to the amendment to the amendment. The original amendment indicated that on July 1 we would begin collecting \$4.00 per ton on nitrogen fertilizers. This amendment moves the date up to April 1. I would suggest this will cause the greatest run on fertilizer in the next 20 days that we have seen in a long time because every farmer that I know of will contract, arrange for his fertilizer needs between