

now and April 1. The amendment does again, does again what I have objected to time after time after time. It's like playing gin rummy with Jules Burbach. You make up the rules as you go along. You happen to need three or four or \$7 million, you just say well we'll get it from this old guy over here, he can't do anything about it. The farmer is going to need fertilizer as pointed out by Senator Spencer Morrissey. It is very obvious that irrigation farmers objected to the energy tax and so this spreads it equally they say across the State of Nebraska. Well it's not really equal if you don't happen to be an irrigator. We happen to do both so it doesn't really matter that much to me. I have a hunch, however, that this will be a more substantial tax than would have been the energy tax, number one. Number two, I also suspect that we were, as farmers, outfoxed in the situation. The deal that was made, and I wasn't privy to the deal, I was not brought into the conversation, first of all, I think I would have understood the differences between the various types of fertilizers, but in any case that deal was as of July 1, after which time very little fertilizer would be sold for the 1992 season. So agriculture is taking a double hit in this manner. Now it has been suggested by two of my very esteemed colleagues that we've been engaged in a filibuster. Ladies and gentlemen, if the offering of amendments, legitimate amendments to a bill which is in sad need of improvement is filibustering, then we are all guilty of that. What I suggested time after time in the debate was that problems will develop in future years, if not this year and that as the need arises for additional revenue, you will go back to the same place you got it before where the poor devils can't do a darn thing about. They just have to pay. You don't even wait until you get through this day's session and you have proven me right. You've gone right back to the well, the old dipping vat. You got your dipper in the bucket and you're getting another 3.5 million.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Actually you would get more than that if, in fact, the entire fertilizer supply for this year were to be subject to tax. Once again I think the old farmer out there will probably outfox the politicians and will order his fertilizer early and you're not going to get the money that you think you have coming. So whether it's Senator Hall or Senator Scotty Moore that has to worry about it, you both ought to get your heads together because you're still going to be a few million short as far as the bill is concerned. I object to the