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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise to oppose the amendment. The issue of where the money is going to come from is clearly not spelled out in the amendment. It's, I believe, I would argue, important to have the money in the bill before it advances over to Final Reading. Maybe that amendment is one that is still pending, but it clearly isn't contained in the amendment that is before us. I think the amendment as it was handed out is different than the amendment that was before us. The amendment that is handed out has the exception for custom blended products. The amendment that is in front of the Clerk has that portion of the proposal stricken from the amendment as it's going to be adopted here. The whole issue of 1063 as has been put together, I guess I would hasten to say, but I will say it anyway, this bill is starting to look, make 829 look good, Loran. I really think that, you know, it's interesting that we're dealing with a fertilizer amendment. The bill is literally and figuratively starting to look like some forms of fertilizer. But the proposal in front of us is, you know, clearly we don't know what it is going to raise. The argument about if it's going to raise anything in this calendar year is a valid one. What you're doing is putting people on notice and saying, go out and buy your fertilizer. The farm, ag show is going on right now in Omaha. I mean, that's what they're doing. They're down there selling machinery. They're telling them, hold off on buying it, you may get a sales tax exemption and tomorrow they will be telling them, hurry up and buy your fertilizer because if you don't you're going to be paying a tax on it. It's got to be real interesting down there. It's got to look somewhat like the stock market on the floor, the New York Stock Exchange in terms of how things change from moment to moment. It's got to be real interesting for those folks who are trying to make a living in any of these areas as it pertains to agriculture. And the question isn't one of does ag pay? Ag is supposed to pay. They need to pay more. Every proposal that has been out there has ag pay more, but the proposals in 1063 and this amendment, I don't think you can lock them in. You can't tell that they're going to raise the kind of revenue that they purport to raise and what you're going to have is a proposal that continues the reliance on property taxes, not personal property taxes, but real property taxes and that's exactly where we're headed. That's what this bill is going to