

SENATOR COORDSEN: It is my understanding that this does not change that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: This...would you like me to elaborate just a little bit?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The first part is correcting the errors in the Lindsay amendment, or the misunderstanding in the second part, and the last part is a new amendment relative to changing the percentages for the small and large retail collection fee, doesn't change the numbers.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, thank you. Again, I would rise to urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment and it would be my understanding then that we would go back and I may stand to be corrected on this, but we would go back to the sales tax on energy use which I was much more comfortable with and feel was a much broader based...I guess it wouldn't be broader based but it would tax the people I more would prefer to tax as opposed to the people that are taxed by this amendment. Yeah, thank you. Senator...let the record show Senator Crosby said I was honest and I am honest. But I do, I truly believe that this is a bad policy to take right now. I've said it before and I will say it one more time, considering that we all know in here that fertilizers and chemicals will be the subject of taxes, possibly yet this session, I guess that bill is dead if this goes because there is no way that anyone would be able to support that, I wouldn't think, except for maybe the introducer. But I figure that bill is dead if this passes. There could be considered justifiable reasons for taxing chemicals and fertilizers and, in my mind, that would be groundwater concerns. To tax chemical and fertilizer, to help raise funds for a questionable bill is not good policy and I just would urge you to consider your vote from yesterday, consider the fertilizer dealers again. It's a border question. The fertilizer dealers that I have in my district, and I border three states, I don't know how many of you border three states, but all three states, the farmers, if they aren't paying attention, and they are, and they don't figure out that they can go buy their fertilizer on contract ahead of time and avoid this tax completely, those that don't