

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, Mr. Clerk, is that amendment 0908? Is that the one?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you. This amendment is in response to a number of the concerns that were expressed on the floor when we were debating this bill on General File. And I did pass out a handout that talks about some of the things we...that were points of debate when we were discussing this on General File. This amendment does basically three things. First of all, it exempts the general use household pesticides from the bill. You do not have to pay a fee to register those in the state, it exempts those. The other thing...one other thing that it does is there was some concern expressed by the lawn care people about getting their people certified to put these...to use these chemicals. This provides for a waiver of certification for 60 days for any entity. They can hire a new employee and he can...and he or she, they can apply these chemicals for 60 days but it has to be under the very strict supervision of someone who is a certified applicator. The rules and regulations are spelled out in this amendment and those are all EPA regulations and this is language from the EPA as to how they will be regulated with these temporary certificates. We also have a commitment from the university to do all they can to attempt to have these classes on a very frequent basis and they will use the teleconferencing, whatever methods they have available to them to provide these classes around the state on a very frequent basis. Another thing that was brought up was that there was some question as to whether or not under 588 you could actually apply one of these chemicals at less than the label recommended rate. I think that the bill was clear enough that you could but we put in some language that very specifically says that you can do it less than the label rate. Another...another concern that was brought up was whether or not we ought to have a sliding schedule or a sliding fee schedule for these chemicals. One of the...the department looked at that very carefully, decided that for administrative reasons it would be better to just stay with the fee structure that is in the original bill of \$100 per chemical to be registered in the state. So we just stayed with the basic fee schedule because we didn't want to get into something that was going to require a lot of the monies that are raised by this fee to be used for administrating the fee part of the bill. We want those fees and