

administrative costs of that part of the program and allows us to have more monies available for the monitoring and the actual overseeing of the program rather than using those monies to take care of the administration of the fees. So I would rise in opposition to this. I do understand what Senator Beutler is saying because some chemicals we use more of, some we use less of, should we not have differing fee schedule? Possibly in the future it's something that I might be willing to look at but right now I would...simply would prefer to go with just a flat fee so that we can administer that part of the program very, very inexpensively and free up those dollars to be used in the monitoring and the other parts of the program that are dealing with insecticides and the other chemicals that we're talking about here, because I don't want to see us use up a lot of the dollars in the administration part of the fee program. So I would rise in opposition.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Bromm, followed by Senators Vrtiska, Withem and Dierks. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Madam President, very briefly, I think we've all had an opportunity to look at fee schedules of other states around us and if not, I have those schedules here in my desk, be glad to share them with anyone. Our proposed fee schedule is simple, it's not overly burdensome on any product and I think Senator Baack hit it on the head when he said to go to the sliding scale suggested by Senator Beutler right now would be an administrative cost. I'm not sure how many dollars would be raised by Senator Beutler's system versus the system that is proposed and so I think we need to stick with this simple, straightforward system. I could make an argument that we should base the fees on the potential harm to the ground water or the environment also, you know, one could make that argument. Senator Beutler's proposal is to base it on dollar volume of sales. I could make an argument that we should base it on the volume of product that is sold. You know, some products are \$500 a gallon and others are \$5 a gallon. There's all different systems you could devise but think of the administrative nightmare you create if you complicate the system. We need to get...we've been trying to get this legislation through for 10 years. Now we need to get it through and we need to do it straightforwardly and simply and if we need to make amendments in a few years and adopt a sliding fee scale, then certainly let's do it, but let's not do it in short order without a proper study and without proper information which I don't think we have