

mean a saving of \$59 for some company that doesn't want to pay this fee. I wonder if the Department of Agriculture would like to be responsible for tracking the sales of 7,000 products and labels with a maximum savings of \$59. It just doesn't make sense. I think Senator Bromm hit it on the head when he said that it should be simple, we should do away with the sliding scale and let's just keep the thing as simple as we can. I don't support the amendment and I hope you won't either. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, if I could ask Senator Baack some questions, based upon Senator Withem's remarks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: With the K-Mart, every one of those K-Marts have to pay this fee, is that what it is? The K-Mart stores or it's based on the brand name like...

SPEAKER BAACK: The brand name has to pay it. They have to pay a registration fee, not each store, not each individual store, the brand name has to pay the fee. The label has to pay the fee. If it's Ortho, then Ortho has to pay a fee for that chemical to be registered in Nebraska, not each store that sells it.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So Ortho would register with the Department of Agriculture?

SPEAKER BAACK: That's correct.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, again, the amendment, what it does in total is to substitute for the current flat dollar registration fee which everybody pays, every label, every product pays the same regardless of how much product they sell in the state. Getting rid of that system and