

There is nothing wrong with the structure of the amendment, there's nothing wrong with the philosophy of the amendment, there's nothing wrong with the discretion granted to the Department of Agriculture. The current bill, the current bill under the same criteria as my amendment grants authority to increase the registration fee by 50 percent. So granting to them, instead of the power to increase the registration fee by 50 percent, the power to do this one-quarter of one percent increase, for some companies, will be actually less than the \$50 or the 50 percent under the original bill. So I don't think it has very much to do at all with giving the Department of Agriculture latitude. You know some days I just don't know why I'm doing this because obviously the mind set here is not to listen to anything, but just to do it the way the coalition wants to do it, and be done with it, and whatever errors there are there, hope they can get corrected next year without too much trauma and distress. Once again, all the amendment does, it doesn't change the registration fee that's in the original bill. It is \$100, just as it was before, but it says that in the future, instead of increasing the registration fee, the flat registration fee for every pesticide, we would rather use a quarter of a cent per dollar tax on gross sales. I hope you will give that serious consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 588. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1128 of the Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 18 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Avery would move to amend the bill. (Avery amendment appears on pages 1128-30 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam Chair, members, I have an...the amendment I bring before you is being passed out, if you need to take a look at it. The meat and potatoes of this amendment is the first paragraph which is...basically, what this does, and I've