

vote, but it's something you ought to consider because if we do this every year, you are heading down a very dangerous track. The fertilizer tax, in effect, you have now institutionalized that tax as being a tax that we will use as a tax base in the future. Through this compromise you will do that. There is no change. It only will become an issue of how far it will go and what the rate will be. The breeding stock, I've mentioned in other speeches, I think is wrong until the Supreme Court of Nebraska determines what that is, we begin the slippery slope that we began in the 1970s where we did it ourselves of exempting things that I don't believe our constitution allows for that exemption to be. Politically it is the right thing to do, maybe practically it might be the right thing to do, but it is not correct. And finally, in the ethanol part of this bill that has nothing to do with breeding stock, has nothing to do with the Omaha Civic Auditorium obviously, there needs to be some of the back end of the ethanol problem addressed. I have an amendment that I'm pulling this morning that we'll not consider that would have put the checkoff back on at a half cent on the back end to make rural Nebraska make that commitment that we need to make because if rural Nebraska doesn't make that commitment to ethanol, there is no other person or no other group that will make that commitment to ethanol. There is no back end on the ethanol fund. We're going to have a problem in 1997 or probably in the session of '96 on how to fund ethanol. Remember that we didn't do anything this year towards that back end and we're going to scramble for a process to do it and I suggest to you it's going to be much harder to do at that time. Finally, Madam President, if I could ask you a couple of questions, and this is in sincerity. When you, this morning in a few minutes are going to make the pronouncement that this bill, all provisions of law have been complied with, I assume that that is done as a routine in a perfunctory manner. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It's a rule of the body, Senator.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And you do so because of a rule of the body, not because of personal knowledge or you're putting your own personal stamp on that, that's something that we do as a perfunctory matter or as a matter of course. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I have not read the bill.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, so...but from that purpose you're