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Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I commend the Senator from Indiana heartily for his thoughtfulness, research, and forethought in observing that this point was involved and in getting it in the form of an amendment.

I shall certainly heartily support the amendment.

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, I thank the Senator.

Mr. RUSSELL of South Carolina. Mr. President, I wish to commend the Senator from Indiana for offering this amendment. I am heartily in favor of it, and if there is no objection, I ask that I be made a cosponsor.

Mr. HARTKE. I shall be glad to have the name of the Senator from South Carolina added as a cosponsor.

Mr. LONG of Missouri. Mr. President, I also desire to commend the Senator from Indiana on this amendment, and I should like permission to be listed as a cosponsor.

Mr. HARTKE. I shall be delighted to add the Senator as a cosponsor.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I wish to make the same request.

Mr. HARTKE. I shall be glad to add the Senator from New Hampshire as a cosponsor.

Mr. SPARKMAN. Mr. President, if the Senator from Indiana will be so kind, I should like him to place my name on the amendment as a cosponsor.

Mr. HARTKE. I shall be glad to add the Senator's name.

Mr. DOMINICK. Mr. President, may we have order?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order.

Mr. DOMINICK. As I remember, some years ago we had a problem with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the taxation of clay for these purposes, and after a meeting with the Internal Revenue Service, the regulations were revised in order to take care of the problem. Am I correct?

Mr. HARTKE. It was anticipated that that would take care of the problem, but it did not take care of this point. The matter could not be clarified with the Internal Revenue Service without legislation.

Mr. DOMINICK. Therefore, is this amendment that the Senator has offered designed to take care of the problem that was raised by a change in the Internal Revenue system policy a couple of years ago?

Mr. HARTKE. The Senator is correct.

Mr. DOMINICK. I am happy to join the Senator from Indiana. I am glad to have this background.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I ask permission to be added as a cosponsor of the amendment.

Mr. HARTKE. I shall be glad to do so.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. President, the Senator had an amendment in the committee, and we had agreed to the amendment by the Senator from Kansas [Mr. CARLSON] which had something to do with clay. I believe that the Senator was informed in the committee that we thought perhaps the Carlson amendment took care of the problem. Unfortunately, the Senator discovered that it did not take care of the problem and that the Carlson amendment related to an entirely different problem. Had it not been for that situation, I should imagine that we would have agreed to the amendment in the committee.

Therefore, Mr. President, in view of all the cosponsors who are associated with the amendment, I have no objection to it. We will go to conference and see what we can work out.

Mr. LAUSCHE. Mr. President, I understand that this legislation expands into four new programs the depletion allowance principle that has become improperly, in my opinion, embedded in our law.

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. LAUSCHE. I yield.

Mr. GORE. I hope the Senator will state it correctly. It is percentage depletion.

Mr. LAUSCHE. Yes, percentage depletion.

Until now, there have been three grants made in the expansion of the percentage depletion. This is a fourth.

We are today witnessing the repetition of what happened 2 years ago, when the tax bill was before us, and the Senator from New York started out by asking the removal of the excise tax on women's handbags. Then he came up with the fur tax. Then he came up with the jewelry tax. Then Senator HARTKE came up with the removal of the band instrument tax. Then another Senator came up with the removal of the excise tax on ball point pens. One after the other, there was this deluge of amendments offered. That is what is happening now.

I wonder whether this is the last amendment that will be offered, or whether others are in preparation. We are witnessing what could be called mob action. One grant has been made to one group. When that one grant was made, the second group stepped up with the label, and the third and the fourth and the fifth. It has now come to 13 or 14. I am interested to know what other demands will be made before we get through tonight.

I ask for the yeas and nays on this measure.

The yeas and nays were ordered.