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premature because it has not taken into account the comprehensive emergency clean up and liability rules that should apply generally and that it is a notion that should go through the bill drafting process next year as opposed to be added at this late date. I oppose the Vickers amendment. I ask you to do the same.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak on the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I just want to say that insofar as the Vickers amendment is concerned we have discussed it several times, I would have to say that I don't think it is premature. I think that Tom is well on target to be talking about it. I introduced two bills that dealt with the super fund and the creation of such a fund. I think that we ought to think about it. The cost of clean up for an individual business could be far beyond the capability of that individual to take care of that and so although I had not given it a great deal of thought, I do want to speak on the bill. I think nonetheless that perhaps we ought to give very serious thought about that idea of Senator Vickers'.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Scofield, do you wish to speak on the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Just briefly, Mr. President. I had agreed to introduce this amendment in the event that this came up when Senator Vickers was gone because I think he raises a philosophical issue that is worth our consideration. I don't think I will support the amendment today because I think there is an opportunity out there to do so with not only the super fund study that will continue this summer but also the study that I amended on 894 the other day to look at funding mechanisms. But I just want to reinforce what Senator Vickers is trying to do here and that is I think we need some positive reinforcers in there for individuals who are trying to behave responsibly and trying to report accidents when they happen and I think Tom makes a good point there that perhaps the way the current bill is drafted it is probably wiser if you have got a problem on your hands just to delay reporting it for as long as you can. And I think he has raised an important philosophical issue. I guess my sense is we probably can't deal with it this session and I would have some concerns about the potential fiscal impact of doing so. But I would hope that we would consider those kinds of things as we look at the studies that

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