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SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, but, in your opinion, you think this is enough even if we adopt the Warner amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I do believe so. I believe the Landis amendment gives us an additional cushion that is necessary and I believe it's satisfactory.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. I have a question for Senator Warner. Mr. President, I have a question for Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Warner, we was talking about the administration a little while back and what contact did you have with them on your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Gary Rex stopped in my office...no, I spoke to him on the phone this morning and he said to me that they had a concern about the amendment, they did not have a position yet that whether or not they would veto it. And a staff member went and talked to him and in the course of the morning, after that comment was made, my understanding of his comment then was that they had told no one that they would veto the bill if the amendment was adopted, but, again, expressed their concern related to cost and that they did not yet have a decision. That was my understanding of their position.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, then I'll ask you the same question I asked Senator Schmit. Do you think that the amount in the fund will be enough if we adopt your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, I...Senator Schmit, as chief sponsor, a few minutes ago said that it may take 5, 10, or a 100 million without my amendment. We're talking about 15 or 17 if what they gave me was...17 and 15 and there could be some more, obviously, with it. I don't know how many service stations are in Nebraska but there, obviously, are hundreds. I have no idea how many locations have spilled fuel. I talked to Senator Pirsch this morning and it was chemical, not fuel, that was on state property that was discovered.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: You know, there is no rationale that this fund is jeopardized by this amendment in the total picture.