

the Petroleum Release Action Fund registration fee, but we also raised the fire marshal's fee as well. And we want to leave that at its current level of \$25. So we're striking that section from the committee amendments, that's all that does.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Now I do have a list of speakers here, and I will check to see if they want to speak on this amendment, or on the bill. Senator Robak, do you want to speak on this amendment? Okay. Senator Lamb, on this amendment? Senator Schmit, on this amendment? Senator Pirsch, on this amendment? Okay. Is there anyone who wishes to discuss this amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to a vote on the amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Rod Johnson. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson's amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Anything further?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morrissey would move to amend the committee amendments. (See FA57 on page 1201 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. My amendment would strike Section 18 from the committee amendments. And I'll read Section 18 for you. "A third-party claim may be settled or compromised by the department upon the concurrence of the responsible party and the Attorney General. A settlement or compromise of a third-party claim, when so approved, shall be a final judgment of the third-party claim." When we discussed this in hearing, and I read this, I thought this was a good way to possibly get some things settled out of court. After I reread it, looked at it a little closer, it doesn't do it the way that I would do it. We have the third party would be, if you owned a house and a gas facility was leaking fuels or fumes are accumulating in the basement of your house, and then an explosion or some other action happens, you are the third party. But the compromise suggested in here is between the Department of Environmental Control, the responsible party, in other words