

amendment is one amendment, it has two parts that have been passed out to you. One is a simple reporting requirement from the Department of Environmental Control on the availability of private insurance; and the other increases the tank fee by 5 percent for four years, and by 10 percent in 1998 and thereafter. Let me point out to you just a couple of things, mainly in response to Senator Lamb, I suppose. Let me tell you again how these fees are going into this fund. Right now the taxpayer of the state, the taxpayers of the state are putting in around \$3,500,000, and the private tank owners are putting in \$250,000. That's not very much. This Legislature could have ignored the whole problem and said you all get your own insurance as the federal government requires. And a lot of the marketers in this state would have been out of business, and there would have been tremendous problems. And the Legislature did the right thing in creating this fund. Under the new fund, as funding sources are envisioned, the marketers would be contributing \$800,000, but the taxpayer, the taxpayer could be contributing as much as \$7 million, if that much money is needed to handle the problems. So what the individual owners are paying is roughly a little more than one-tenth of what the taxpayer is being asked to pay. And it seems to me that to suggest that this mild increase in what the marketers are paying over a long period of time is anything other than reasonable is a somewhat selfish point of view. I'd ask the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now proceed to vote on the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler's amendment is adopted. Anything further on the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend. (Lamb amendment is on page 1201 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, on your desk you have my amendment, which merely adds the words, this tank "used for wholesale or retail purposes". Now, we heard about the good