

rust underground, you implant a...I can't remember what it is, a cathode of some sort in the ground that attracts the rusting compounds and keep them away from your tanks. But he's had to spend \$25,000 in the last four years to upgrade his tanks. And that's a pretty big hit on him. And I notice a lot of our dealers are now, not a lot, but a few are starting to go aboveground, because again the aboveground tanks don't have to pay, but yet they can collect. And I wonder how we are going to reach that point that we go back to private insurance. Are we going to increase the fees until they reach that \$1,900 a year level that Senator Beutler was talking about, which I think if that's the case, we're wrong; or are we going to upgrade our system in such a manner that the insurance companies will become more comfortable, and I don't look kindly on the insurance companies at all in this issue. They guaranteed us there would be available insurance, two years ago they said that would be available, third party and others, and now it hasn't materialized in great quantity. But I'm not sure, with the concerns on pollution liability, if we will ever have the insurance companies have affordable rates for these folks. And we all know that the more costs they incur they go back to the taxpayers. So we're in a vicious circle that the taxpayers or the consumers are going to pick it up one way or the other, or the small dealers are going to close and the consumers will have to travel far distances to get their gas. And they will not be able to just...business as usual will not continue. So this is a very confusing question. As we talked about yesterday, the winners, the losers, the big winners, the little winners, the big losers, and the little losers, but it's very complicated. But I will continue to support Senator Beutler's amendment, knowing that if it becomes too burdensome, we can come back and change it. But I think we need to tell these folks you are getting a good insurance policy, and we want to continue to study the issue of availability of insurance. And I think you need to pay a little bit more on your tank fees, now I'm talking about some small dealers in my home town that might not agree with me on this, probably won't, including my brother. But I think they have to realize they're getting a heck of a policy for the money, and I think the citizens have to realize they're also gaining from the increased taxes and the increased costs that they're going to pay, unless they want to just strictly drive to Bosselman's or Sapp Brothers when they want their gas on a weekend, or on an every day occurrence. So I think everybody gains, just this balancing act of who pays for what is tough, and I'm going to continue to support Senator Beutler's