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effective date of the act. And I ask that you adopt this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any discussion on the Chambers amendment? He's waiving closing. The question before the body is, the adoption of AM1087 to LB 461. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're on AM1087 to LB 461. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM1189, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1237.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on AM1189 to LB 461.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Let me say that I spoke with Senator Aguilar, and also Senator Burling, who's priority bill this is; and also the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, regarding the possible attachment of this amendment to LB 461. This amendment is the extension of the...of the LUST Fund date, the...in effect, the insurance that the state provides through the LUST Fund for filling station operators, who might be subject to an unexpected leak in their...in their...one of their storage tanks. This is, as I'll remind some of the body who have been around and remember this subject for some time, this is the state's method of providing some assurances that if there is a leak, the damages and the cleanup will be taken care of because it is...has not been feasible, not been readily available for filling station operators to procure private insurance for this particular problem. It is certainly related to the environment. It is certainly related to issues that are raised by the underlying bill 461. And that's why it seemed germane to do this. This bill also is a committee priority bill from the Natural Resources Committee. The present plan actually terminates on July 1 of this year. The access to the fund, if a leak should be reported, there's no more coverage under the LUST Fund after