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pollution problem would be as great as it is. I think it's good to take a look at this. Senator Bruning and I did sit down with three officials from the Department of Environmental Quality. Some of the contaminants in this underground...in this soil that's being contaminated, some of that will eventually biodegrade and go away, but there are ingredients in gasoline that will be there forever if we don't do...if we don't clean them up. Now, if you're sitting on a clay liner and you're 200 foot from water, it may never be a problem. But I think, considering what we know now, I don't know if \$10 million a year is enough to spend. Certainly some states have spent more and some have not done as well as other states have. But keep in mind when you buy that gallon of gasoline at the station it's nine-tenths of a cent a gallon to go to cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks for the petroleum industry, because tanks were used that leaked. I think the good thing about it is now that we don't tolerate that anymore. That isn't happening now. For the most part, everything is inspected, everything is new tanks, everything is up-to-date, but we are paying a heavy price for tanks that leaked in the past. Senator Bruning, if nothing else, you've brought the attention of this to this legislative body. I do appreciate that. If you have any questions I'd be glad to try than (sic) answer them. With that, I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, on the Bruning amendment, followed by Senators Raikes, Baker, Tyson, and Bruning.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, could I begin my talk by using the time that Senator Schrock gave to you?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, all right, be tightfisted and skinflint, if you choose. Members of the Legislature, I think Senator Bruning has an idea that will help torpedo this bill, so I'm going to support his idea. I knew it wasn't going to go anywhere when I saw it on the little gadget, because Senator Bruning is not one of those who's in with the in-crowd, so you