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possibility that that insurance could be made available to the owners of our service stations in the state of Nebraska. So I'm asking your consideration for that. If you have any questions, I would like to...be glad to try and answer them. Senator Bromm, if you would like any of my time, I would give that to you at this time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you have approximately eight and a half minutes.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Schrock. Yes, Senator Schrock and I and others, including the Department of Environmental Quality, have talked about this since this bill was previously up, and there have been a couple developments perhaps in other states where they are trying to design some insurance programs. I think it's...I think it behooves us to continue to monitor what the availability is of insurance. The goal, of course, ultimately is to...to have private insurance cover this problem, when that's feasible and affordable. So I appreciate Senator Schrock being willing to accommodate the substitution of this amendment instead of the amendment that he had and I would support it, Mr. Speaker. I would ask the body...it only...it only changes the...we had a study before which was completed prior to October 1 of 1999, so this amendment simply goes into the statute and substitutes a December 1, 2001, date for the report to be presented to the Legislature by the Department of Environmental Quality and by the Department of Insurance in consultation with other interested parties. So it can happen over the interim and, we get back here next year, we'll see what the report tells us. So, with that, I would support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on the motion to return. Waives that opportunity. The question is to return LB 461 to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.