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standards they have, they're not altered by this.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, if the standards aren't changed, then why was there a problem that needed to be solved regarding this whole certification process, and why is there ambiguity in the process we currently have? I mean why do we need the bill then? If we're not changing the standards and it's obvious when something is remediated or not, then why do we need the bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I think it's more a problem with the legal standards, Senator, and the relationship of the legal standard to the physical act of cleanup.

SENATOR HILGERT: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: For example, with regard to a purchaser, they're basically held in the same...the same as a responsible party and might be liable for additional remedial action in cases where they've gone through the plan and think everything is all right but it's not. And so it gives a slightly different status, for example, to a purchaser of the property.

SENATOR HILGERT: So this is basically a verification process of the same standards and remediation plans that we've had to say, yes, we are verifying that it is in fact remediated; here is your certificate; go on your way and sell the property or do whatever you want with it within the standards that are presently...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, in some sense that's true.

SENATOR HILGERT: The only other question, I put my light on again if we run out of time. I don't know who the next speaker is. But the other question is regarding the responsible party; that there is an element here that the responsible party, and we'll define that as the present owner, or are we defining that as the polluter? Or...

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's...it's moving that definition to