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whether I succeed with any of these amendments, I'm going to bring them, and I'm going to discuss them, and I'm going to do everything I can to harry this bill. All the amendments I have pending, I intend to take them up, but I hope you'll notice that, as of yet, I have not offered a reconsideration motion on anything because my goal here is not to try to stop this bill because it's going to go at some point, but I don't want it to go unscathed. I want it to have...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a little gouge here...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to support the Chambers amendment. This is a unique fund. I happen to have been around, and I think the bill was...the original bill was sponsored by the then Natural Resources Committee, and I recall, in my naivete, being the only individual senator that cosponsored the bill that created both the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund, the programs that were supposed to be carried out by that, and the original three-tenths of a cent per gallon on gasoline, and the annual registration fee for leaking sites. You can find all of that on the back of...back of the Bromm handout, if you want to look at what we have in the future to look forward to. This program was put in place because of the federal government's concern through the Environmental Protection Agency over the potential pollution of groundwater from underground storage tanks of petroleum products that were leaking into that groundwater. It began, as I recall, with a mandate that all retail petroleum marketing sites had to have insurance to cover for any of the potential clean-up costs. Insurance was not available so the Nebraska Legislature created this program for that purpose and that purpose only. Since that time, the motorists of the state of Nebraska have paid into this fund a tax on gasoline. It's the only tax on gasoline and diesel fuel that is not dedicated to highway construction and maintenance in the state of Nebraska. If, in fact, there's a surplus in the fund, and I do not know...cash balances do not mean surplus because I have no way