

be to apologize to all of you whom I have criticized for bringing a bill to this floor that wasn't in proper condition, and this bill is not in the condition, in any condition to be passed into law at the present time, I will be very honest with you. There are a multitude of questions that are going to be raised, and Senator Pirsch and Senator Smith raised a couple just on trying to remove an amendment to the amendment. But, anyway, I think that is a little bit of a prediction of things to come, and so I want you to know that this bill, although it is one of those, another one of those bills which we are under some pressure to enact into law because of mandates by the federal government, it is one of those instances where we have a lot more pressure than we have counsel and advice, and it is a lot easier to say pass the bill than it is to pass a bill in an equitable manner, and then to enforce the bill is going to be certainly another most serious kind of problem and perhaps even a liability. The enforcement is dual between the Fire Marshal's Office and DEC but, as you can see as we go through the bill, there will be many, many questions which you will raise, and I will be very honest with you again, some of them I am not going to be able to answer. I wish that I were more adept at this but I, frankly, do not have the answers to a number of questions that have been raised by some of you in personal conversations and other questions that have been raised by businessmen, some of whom want the bill very much, but who, of course, have discovered some of the problems that you and I have discovered as we have worked with the bill. I would encourage you very, very much to read the bill carefully, to read the bill from start to finish, and then I will tell you very plainly that before the bill...if the bill moves off of General File, and before it moves off Select File, it is going to need a considerable amount of work, and to do otherwise is going to create a lot of problems for all of us as we move the bill across the board and as it becomes law. It reminds me a little bit somewhat of our experience with the chemigation bill when we thought we had to rush a bill into the statute books only to find that it was much more preferable for us, as Senator Rod Johnson will remember, as he took the bill and did a interim piece of work on it and brought back a bill which we think then turned out to be pretty good, but had we passed it in its first form, or second, or third form could have certainly caused us lots of difficulty. Sections 1 through 14 are generally the definitions that are used throughout the entire act, and even those definitions may require some cleaning up, but they are the definitions. Section 15 states that a responsible person may