

this bill pass on the floor, don't just vote against it because someone asked me a little bit ago, why did you put the bill out...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...if it is not in order to be passed on the floor? I don't know whether you heard Senator Schmit say that he knows it is not in the proper order but yet we have to deal with the issue, and that is where we are at right now. So please don't just everyone leave the floor, visit among yourselves, provide us some input, and see if you can help us on this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Smith because I attended a conference, a legislative conference, about a couple of months ago, and this was the topic of all the people that were there from different states. How do we deal with this particular issue, the underground thing? And it is something, you know, we are kind of tied as a state that the federal government has put something on and it has got to be done by a certain...they have started the clock and they have really put us kind of behind the...maybe behind the eight ball because they have given us such a very short period of time. There is no other states...other states are dealing with this in a similar manner that we are doing it. Maybe we are kind of groping, I think, as the people on the Natural Resources Committee has been doing with this. If I could ask Senator Schmit a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR HARTNETT: When you made your opening remarks and so forth, and I was probably like a lots, when you first started with this, and I realized the area that you were talking about, you said...from talking to some of the other state legislators that they have kind of set up an insurance fund, and I know that we don't want to get anything like we did with the Commonwealth and so forth, but, you know, you said this is not...this money and so forth is not an insurance fund. I guess my question to