

station across the street that is now loading police bullets, ammunition there, and no one knows whether those tanks are buried there or not, but there is gasoline in the water down in that station. There is gasoline or it is a sour sewer smell across the highway in the farmer's cornfield, but those tanks may be buried and cemented across on the top. The whole bottom line is, is this good...I can't say good-natured, kind father-in-law purchased the service station, and lucky enough a few people in town took some pictures of them coming in and dismantling it. There were five tanks that may or may not have been leaked. What they did is they left three tanks and replaced two of them. So, technically, he was responsible. I made more trips to Lincoln last fall on this issue, and summer, than I probably have any other issue in the Legislature, and I can tell you firsthand, this \$5 million fund is not even a smell in the woods when it comes to cleaning up these situations, and I am sure that there is a thousand other towns just exactly like Doniphan in the State of Nebraska. Now the concern is, and it has to be watched, it is about 1,100 feet from the municipal well, hopefully that that water will not move. But should that small town have to replace their municipal water system, just think of the cost of that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: And so I want to commend the committee and I hope that everyone can honestly work through it. The third party, as I say, is a real concern. This gentleman just really got hammered for it and he replaced and started to those tanks almost as fast as he could. I think this fund will be needed far longer than Senator Schmit or myself or Senator Hartnett will ever need to worry about it. So it is a monumental problem and, in fact, actually when I met with the trucking industry and so on, I don't think they really even at the time of the meeting that I was at, they realized how serious or the monumental implications that we are running into, and I do think, though, in about four or five years people will become more aware in what we have been doing, and the problem will ease up and go away or be corrected to a certain extent. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Weihing.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could I ask Senator Schmit a couple of questions, please?