

percentage of the small stations in the rural areas. I am not sure...

SENATOR ELMER: Thank...

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...this will guarantee, Senator, that we will keep them there, but it does help some.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I also understand that this bill applies to not only buried tanks but also those that are aboveground or not buried and also the piping that would connect them if a spill or a leak would result and, thereby, contaminate the environment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: That is true, isn't it, sir?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, it is generally true. For example, my tank on the farm would now be covered under, if I had a spill out there, as a result of this act.

SENATOR ELMER: And, of course, the deductible, if a \$10,000 deductible as I assume that that is, would be first paid by the current owner of the tank and insurance would take up part of that, and if the cleanup got more expensive, then the fund would kick in. It is important that everybody realize that the spill or the cleanup would have to be fairly significant before we would suffer liability to this fund, and I continue to support the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. I am pleased to take a moment to announce that Senator Nelson has 30 fourth grade students from Knickrehm Elementary in Grand Island with their teachers in the north balcony. Would you people please stand and be welcomed. Also visiting in the north balcony as guests of Senator Peterson, 42 fourth grade students from Madison Elementary in Madison with their teacher. Would you folks please stand. Thank you. We are glad to have you students with us this morning. Hope you can come back again. Additional discussion, Senator Weihing, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the first time I was made aware of this problem was one of our local station, that is supplier, gasoline station who had been