

at this point. We should probably move on the committee amendments and then on the bill, but would you anticipate being able to work on that particular issue I've raised on Select File, for instance?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I can assure you, Senator, now that you've raised it that we will address it because there are, as I said when I opened on the committee amendments, many, many questions which will come up on the floor and we will then attempt to address them. I just hope that we uncover all those questions like the ones you've raised.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Schmit, I do look forward to working with you on this and would support the committee amendments and the bill and hope that we can deal with the particular problems I've raised about the smaller operators in the smaller towns and how this would affect them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to advise that Senator Morrissey has some guests in the south balcony, 28 third and fourth grade students from Nemaha Valley School in Talmage and Cook with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us. Additional discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Smith, Schmit and Elmer. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, first of all I want to thank Senator Schmit and the Natural Resources Committee on the amount of work they've done on this bill. They are to be commended for it because the owners of underground tanks have an enormous problem. We talk about the low-level radioactive waste problem, but I think the owners of underground tanks have a tremendous problem too, as do some of the other people that use pesticides and fertilizers and like that, that contaminate our underground water supply. The federal EPA has ordered all tank owners, now this just isn't service stations, this is all tank owners to have \$1 million liability protection by October, 1990. So that is just about a year and a half away and who has these underground tanks? Well it's more than just the service stations. I know the service stations and the oil jobbers and people like that are very concerned about it, but farmers have a lot of underground tanks. The truckers have a lot of underground tanks, other commercial accounts have underground tanks. The railroads have underground tanks and