

as you go back home to your districts you will probably receive more criticism for having voted for the bill than you will compliments and some of that criticism will come from the industry which you're trying to help but that will be because, of course, they do not understand in some instances the narrow parameters in which we have to operate. We are taking an existing situation not entirely unlike that of the low-level waste, a little less volatile, a little less emotional perhaps, but maybe, in fact, much more expensive and much more likely to be with us in a long-term basis and probably in some instances perhaps, much less likely to be controlled...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...than is the low-level waste problem. But...and it's not a very glamorous thing to work on. You're not going to get any buildings named after you, you're not going to get any accolades and certainly the general public is not going to understand what you are doing. But it is something which no doubt has to be done and it is another example of a situation which was accepted where the last 70, 80 years we just routinely buried tanks. We buried all kinds of tanks in all kinds of locations without cause or concern and today we are being called upon to make the necessary investment to take care of the problem and to prevent the contamination of our underground water supply and our soil and avert a severe threat of danger to the environment and to our own health. So I hope that perhaps as we review this bill we might go back and think a little bit about the problems of 761...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: .. and maybe just a wee bit more understanding of the problem that developed there as we look at this bill here. I would ask for the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 289. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Schmit, we're back to the bill.