

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, as I said, the amendments are the bill. I have taken a lot of time. Is there anyone here who would like to use some of my time to talk about the bill? Senator Owen Elmer would use some of this and I'd like to hear from Senator Howard Lamb also on the bill. I'm sure there will be some other people who will want to comment on it, but we have now the bill as amended before us. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I think we've had a good talk about the bill. Everybody understands that it's not in the form that we want to have go to Final Reading. I think everyone understands we have to get together and do a lot of detailed work such as the question about Section 27 which we deleted with the amendment to the amendment, such as who is going to be ultimately responsible down the road when the fund is not being used, such as, is the fee that's part of the bill for each tank that is registered a fair fee for everyone concerned? We have a lot of questions to answer and I hope that the Natural Resources Committee and the people who are interested in our environment really think about what we're trying to do and have ready, by the time we're debating on Select File, the information we need to ask the proper questions and to get the bill in the correct form. I'd urge your advancement, and if I understand it right, Senator Schmit wanted to give the rest of his time that I'm using to Senator Lamb.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, to who? Senator Lamb?

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Lamb, guess he's not here.

SPEAKER BARRETT: He is not on the floor.

SENATOR ELMER: Perhaps Senator Nelson then would like to take the time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Senator Elmer, also have you addressed...you know, we're talking about the small station operators. There are a lot of farmers that also are coming under this same problem with the \$25,000 and the insurance and the buried tanks. I'm assuming that they're under the same provisions as the small station operator but has anyone