

really...I'm sure they have not cut them out at all, considered the farmers? They are in this same, very same pinch and, in fact, they probably don't have the way and the method to measure the gasoline in the tanks, and as you said, the expansion and so on and so forth. They would have just as much trouble obtaining the \$25,000 insurance or more. Have you addressed that?

SENATOR ELMER: That's correct. Anyone with a buried tank has the same liability and responsibility under the federal law and the farmers with their buried tanks do participate to the same extent as anyone else whether their tanks are above ground or below ground.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, yours was the next light. Do you wish to...thank you. Senator Coordsen, please, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, listening to the floor debate on this bill this morning, I don't know that the bill is, in fact, so far out of shape that we wouldn't want to move it along this session. There are, of course, underground tanks and other petroleum contamination in the soil all over the State of Nebraska. It's quite probable that there are members of this body that live in a house in town that has a fuel oil tank buried some place on their property that they don't even know about. All of these things enter into this and should be the proper topic for discussion. But it has been rare on this floor when we have put into statute new legislation when we plowed a new field when we enacted that legislation with every single nuance addressed, that we haven't had to come back and make adjustments from time to time in the future as new concerns, as new situations were developed. Many service stations, which is the prime topic of debate this morning, have been stations for...since the days that automobiles came into Nebraska. They're the situation that exist in many cases out there where there has not been a leaking tank, but they still have soil contamination problems that are revealed in tests boring simply from the past practices of disposing of waste crank case oil from the vehicles that were serviced in that station as has shown up in a case in my district. I think it's a bill that we need to advance and probably need to seriously consider passing in a form yet this session. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj.