

time, and I hope I get a chance to speak again, at this point in time I will personally vote for the Warner amendment. I have...I want to say I do not disagree with the arguments made by Senator Landis and there are others here who will have to draw your own conclusions. Number four, you have to recognize that in the overall environmental picture, it is my inclination to try to keep the...encourage the public to report problems. Do we, and you have to answer this question yourself, do we encourage persons not to report a problem if we say the longer you can go without discovery, the better chance you have of getting some assistance on the cleanup.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Put that is a question you have to answer for yourself.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, would you care to discuss the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Schmit said this very well, that these kind of things when they're put into place and have a starting date like we anticipate as the bill is written, persons who have followed all the rules, have done everything for the environment that is required by the federal government and the State Department of Environmental Control find that they are in a position where they have done everything they were supposed to and seemed to be penalized. And I sincerely appreciate Senator Warner's amendment. I wonder if Senator Warner might respond to a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Warner, during your work on this amendment, have you had any opportunity to compile what retroactive liabilities may be there?

SENATOR WARNER: No, Senator Elmer, I cannot tell you what retroactive responsibilities any more than anyone can tell you what the prospective liabilities are. That's a great unknown out there. I can tell you, at least the number, what was given to me, locations that might be eligible if they meet the other thresholds, the communities and the names of those. There is a