

17 towns, probably multiply that by ten, at least a minimum. And I just don't see where it could end. I won't bore you on those details but every other little town, when I was checking this out in Doniphan, we found five old locations that had underground storage tanks. None of us know whether how many of those are covered up by cement, whether they are there or not. A very innocent individual, very, very innocent, just because he happened to purchase it, within ten days he tore it down, but there was gas there that had maybe been there for 15 years. I just don't see how that we can possibly be retroactive and I want to give some time to Howard Lamb.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, about three minutes.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I agree with everything that Senator Warner said except one. The things he said are true in regard to the problem for people in the past as well as in the future and we have, Senator Schmit and the other members of the Natural Resources Committee have submitted a resolution that you'll have an opportunity to vote on, directing or asking our congressional delegation and EPA to look into this situation because under the present rules you aren't going to be able to buy gas in rural America unless you drive for miles and miles. It's going to be a terrific hardship particularly in rural America because they are not going to have enough volume in these small towns to pay the costs. And Senator Warner points up a problem and certainly it's unfair, it's unfair that those people that discovered the problem and took care of the problem are not eligible for the fund. I agree with that, but on the other hand, if we adopt Senator Warner's amendment, I'm just certain that we're threatening the whole bill. I just believe...I don't believe the Governor will sign it, I just don't believe that will happen. And so I wish there was a better solution and we need to continue to strive to find a better solution, but at this point, I cannot vote for Senator Warner's amendment to make it retroactive, although that's certainly the thing that should be done. It should be. It's the just thing to be done, but it's not within the realm of possibility at this point, so I have to vote against that amendment that Senator Warner has.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, I can appreciate the dilemma that Senator Lamb has, the dilemma being that this body