

should not vote against justice and equity. I suppose we do it from occasion, but we had not ought to knowingly do it. It just makes absolutely no sense to me. You know, if you want to delay it all, delay it for these people, too, that's fine. All they did was comply with the law that this body passed, nothing more. And the one example I know, they absolutely didn't have to put in tanks. They weren't leaking. They were trying to...they were looking ahead, had some capital on hand so they went in and replaced the tanks, and the next thing you knew, and they've spent several thousand dollars to date for which I'm not suggesting they should be reimbursed, but I don't know how much more they will have to spend. They don't know how much more. They are being asked to spend \$80,000 for additional test holes to monitor with. They've already put in...I forgot, seven or eight, I think, or ten, several. I went down and I saw them and they could dip out some gas out of some of them, not out of others. The point is, and Senator Lamb is absolutely right, if we do nothing, there will be many, many locations in which fuel will not be available. There is no way that a small operator can pay what they are being expected to pay in bonds and function. They will close. And it is a serious problem. But you're going to be closing a few possibly of some of these people who did nothing more than are caught between two dates. Now we do this for a whole lot of things. How many retirement bills have we passed because some people were caught in a date inadvertently? I can think of three or four over the years. I can remember one I introduced there was only one teacher involved, my second grade teacher. But she was inadvertently caught and it was obviously an injustice and we enacted it. This is obviously an injustice. Yeah, it may cost more, but there isn't a soul in here can tell me what this bill is going to cost prospectively either, not one of you can. And I don't know if you're adding a half a million dollars or \$5 million to the cost, but I have a suspicion that as a percent of the total cost it's going to be very small and I don't even see where that is an issue. Once in a while we ought to do what's right and just, just as Senator Lamb said the amendment is. We ought to do it all the time, we all try to do it all the time, but when we know, when we know it's an injustice, I see no reason not to adopt the amendment. Oh, by the way, I said some kind remarks about the Governor yesterday, which I meant, and I said that we disagree from time to time. This may be one of those times that we have disagreed from time to time, Senator Lamb.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch.