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LB 289

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the problem is that we have to start somewhere. Nebraska started in 1986 but that was just with finding out what the problem was. I have a question for Senator Warner, if he will yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Sure.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Warner, your amendment would say that those who had discovered and reported a leak after the July 1986 date would be reimbursed for those costs.

SENATOR WARNER: No. There is no reimbursement for the expenditures they have already made. In the one example I know they've made several thousand dollars. The only thing they would be reimbursed, eligible for reimbursement, would be for cost required after the effective date of the act. I'm not attempting to go back and reimburse for expenditures they've already made.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, would that not be the same thing? You said after the date of the act any costs required.

SENATOR WARNER: This act, excuse me, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: After the 1989...

SENATOR WARNER: After the...if...if...they only get reimbursed for the expenses which are required to be made after the effective date of LB 289, but they qualify to be eligible if they meet the other thresholds on those leaks found after 1986, July 17.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, now would there be disparate treatment between those who found, discovered, reported and fixed compared to those who maybe found and reported, but have been dilatory in fixing?

SENATOR WARNER: I would grant that that conceivably could be some...some inequity there. I don't know the size of the dollar amounts of those. I can think of a couple of sites that I'm aware of that...in fact, one of which is owned by the State of Nebraska. If you're not aware of it, it was land that we