

perceived in the future on environmental problems, whether it has to do with nitrates, whether it has to do with chemicals in the soil, whether it has to do with problems with the water or some other nature. Suppose that on my farm I have an inadvertent spill and on that 1,300 acres it's hard for, very unlikely, that someone is going to discover that spill or that problem. And so I say, well, if I report it, I've got to clean it up and pay the cost and so forth. If I don't report it, the chances are ten to one, hundred to one, it will never be discovered, and so I don't report it. Five, ten years from now it does become a problem. Maybe I've sold the farm and then the cost is many times greater of cleanup. Would it have been better to have encouraged me to have reported the problem in order that it be addressed immediately...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

Senator Schmit ...and the cost be minimized? It would seem to me so many times in government, as Senator Warner says, we do those things that cause inequity, that we do try to keep to a minimum the inequities that we create. We do not have any comprehension, very frankly, I don't think there is any way to draw an adequate fiscal note on this bill. We don't know if there are a thousand problems out there or five thousand. We don't know if it will cost a million or 500 million. We don't know, we really don't know. We have set out upon a course, we don't know really the direction we're going, we don't know how far it is going to take us or how long it's going to take us to get there or what it is going to cost, but we have said these are the parameters upon which we will embark. But if you didn't get on the train as of...if you got on the train too early, you've got to pay your own ticket no matter how long the trip is. It seems...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to me to be a little, somewhat inequitable, and since we're going to try to address the problem in total, I would suggest we...I know I'm going to support the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, this is really a difficult situation. We're trying to put into place something