

bill as written now, I believe, would be a way to start it. I understand that if the Warner amendment is adopted, we could face a possible veto of the bill and this would be disastrous. Senator Schmit, would you yield to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Will, Mr. President.

SENATOR HEFNER: When the Natural Resources Committee considered this bill...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...did you talk about what we should do with those that had leaky tanks before?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, we did discuss it, Senator, and we, of course, recognized, as I said, when the bill left committee, Senator, we had to make a tremendous number of changes in the bill after it got on the floor and that was one of the issues insofar as I was concerned was left up in the air.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mmm, hmm. Okay, and so I guess at this time I'm going to vote against the Warner amendment. I don't know if that's the right thing to do or not, but I realize that we need to get a fund going and I understand the Natural Resources Committee is going to have a study on this this summer. Maybe we can come back and try to do something better next session, but I think for this session we need to get this bill passed as this amendment calls for.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith. Well, Senator, I'm sorry, Senator Jacklyn Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I'll give the rest of my time when I finish. It won't take me very long. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I'm not going to stand here and repeat all the things that have been said. I just think that not very many people have stood up and supported Senator Warner's amendment. I wasn't sure I would until I sat and listened to the debate. You know, you're all aware, as we are, about, I think maybe the Natural Resources Committee are more aware because we listen to these concerns, but we do indeed have a problem in Nebraska which we're trying to deal with with LB 289. We know that we're