

or so on, but I have in front of me a news media article that Iowa allocated \$17 million in a state fund to help clean up these gasoline station owners and the state fund would be generated by a \$50.00 fee on each tank and, in addition, a state levy of two-thirds of a cent. I guess, of course, they have a bigger state than we have and maybe, of course, they should sell more gasoline, too. Two-thirds of a cent on each gallon of gasoline and each storage tank owner would pay a \$100 per tank. So I guess that I know how serious this is and I know exactly what we can run into is why I'm a little bit hesitant to say yes on this bill because I'm voting for such an unknown and I know unless the money is there. But I really don't think it's fair for, say, two people to use it and maybe another 100 are out there or 17 or 15 and there would be no money to help them clean it up and I know...and I know what the federal regulations are, and for someone to say, well, I won't do anything about it or I will not notify them, boy, I tell you it's a pretty stiff penalty and I just can't think of too many that would subject themselves to that if they really knew what the penalty was. So that was my question of Senator Warner, what...what restrictions would apply on this amount of money. Thanks.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: I will just close.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just want to further elaborate on the question proposed by Senator Nelson. If a firm has already spent a \$100,000 prior to the enactment of this bill, and if they have to spend another \$100,000 subsequent to the enactment, the firm still must pay the first \$25,000 of the newly incurred expense. The first \$100,000 is not applicable to the base expense of \$25,000. They still have to expend another 25,000 subsequent to the enactment of this act so that they're not getting any benefit for having been involved in a cleanup prior to the enactment of this act. They still have to operate under the same rules. Same old ball park, we lay down the rules, they play by our rules. I don't think there is anything at all that could be considered to be superbeneficial to the existing...preexisting situations. In fact, the cost is going to be less to us and I think that it's just a simple matter of equity. I want to say again that it's kind of unfortunate, I