

SENATOR HEFNER: No, but I think you have to realize that it will add to the cost.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator...and the people who are going to benefit from the amendment are going to be paying and you want to deny them the benefit from the tax they're going to pay. That don't make any sense.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce a couple of groups in the north balcony, please. Senator Nelson has 25 fourth graders from the Lincoln Elementary School in Grand Island and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Also, in the north balcony, we have 22 Japanese college students from Japan, from Kyotat Academy of International Culture and their sponsor. Would you folks please stand so that we may recognize you. And we're happy to have you folks with us this afternoon. In the south balcony, Senator Schellpeper has 40 fourth graders from Wisner-Pilger School at Pilger, Nebraska. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. We're happy to have all of you folks visiting with us today. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR WARNER: I will close.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I'll get rid of Senator Crosby's jelly bean here. Senator Hefner, Senator Warner's amendment addresses people that took responsible action since 1986. There could be hundreds, could be 10, could be hundreds, could be more people out there that are just waiting and have been waiting since '86 and purposely ignored doing anything about what they knew was out there. Could be, maybe yes, maybe no. So that's what brought me around to Senator Warner's argument, we are punishing people that were following the rules and regulations and doing their best to clean up and live up to their responsibilities. And as to what Senator Nelson said that there are stiff penalties for people that don't live up to this act, that's true, and earlier there were penalties but it is so hard to tell when you've got a leak in one of these tanks, previous to the legislation that required