

rule and reg and statute we pass and oftentimes maybe misinterpret them if they do. So, with that explanation, rather lengthy as it is, I am offering this resolution, along with my colleagues, ask that the EPA review this proposal to determine if it is really as necessary as they think it is. I ask for your positive support for the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, and then Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, I would like to add my voice to that of Senator Schmit in support of this resolution because, as he mentioned, LB 289 is a bill which deals with the underground storage problem, but whether or not that's going to be adequate is in question at this point. We certainly wish to protect our water supplies in this state and every other state. On the other hand, I at least am not certain that the rules and regulations under which we have to operate by federal edict are practical and are all necessary, and I think, in the worst case scenario, you're going to see that there will be huge areas in rural Nebraska where the volume of fuel is low enough that the dealers will not be able to stay in business and that you'll have to travel long distances in order to find fuel, and I'm not sure that's the way we should go. I've already heard reports of people who have dug up their tanks, especially up in the Sandhill area where the corrosion is not as bad, and they've dug up tanks that have been in the ground for over 20 years and they're just as bright and shiny and in good shape as they were when they were put down. So I'm not sure that the inflexibility of the rules is good and proper for the State of Nebraska, and probably a lot of other states. So I hope you will lend your support to this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President and members, thank you. I would rise in support of this resolution. Many times in this body we might be accused of enacting short-term, short-sighted laws to solve problems, but we know, serving on the Natural Resources Committee and on the Ag Committee, that the federal government really seems to be in this mode facing a problem and just drawing up rules and regulations and then dumping it, so to speak, on the states, say, here it is, you handle it folks, without looking at the long-term impact that this type of