

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, would you like to close on your amendment first?

SENATOR BAACK: No, I...well, I would, yes. I would like to thank Senator Withem for his explanation of the bonding and the irrevocable letter of credit. We had a number of discussions about that in the committee and there was some good testimony. I learned a lot about bonding and irrevocable letters of credit that I didn't know before. So I think that...I think this bill is very reasonable right now at this level. I will be the first to tell you that if we run into some problems with it, we will be back to change that. But I don't think we will. I think that the local entities can use their discretion in this and require the bonds when they think they're necessary, and I don't think we're going to create any real problems here. So, with that, I would just urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Baack amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Baack's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, on the advancement of the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment to the bill by Senator Scofield. Senator, this is the amendment you had filed with me last year. (See page 2426 of the Legislative Journal, First Session, 1989.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, we did work on this amendment last year with Senator Baack's committee counsel. The reason I bring you this amendment is because of the problems that I think potentially all states are faced with in terms of environmental liability. Senator Baack just talked about the likelihood of taxpayers sometimes ending up picking up the tab if we don't have adequate protection for them whenever a license is issued in the state. This amendment, and you have a handout before you that was just passed out of what essentially the amendment has to do, but it has to do with the bonding