

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I'd ask Senator Warner to yield to a question, if possible.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Warner, I was just...this reminded me of the issue back a few years ago when we were getting involved with the quality testing, and we were having some difficulty, and I know we enacted...I didn't quite hear all that you said, we enacted some sort of quality, fuel quality testing program because we were having some problems with the tax break for ethanol and not actually...some of the companies weren't doing what they were supposed to. Was that the background? Did the program...

SENATOR WARNER: As I recall, the legislation that I think I talked about was related to that somewhat. What we are talking about now would not...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: ...would not be, well, I guess gasohol could be a factor but it is much more broad than that, and as some of these additives are inevitably going to be sold in some areas as leaded fuels go out, there is all kinds of things that could happen but, more importantly, I will give you an example which has nothing to do with that right now. When the study that is being...was started last time with the collection of motor vehicle taxes, generally, and how those could be improved, one of the kinds of things they came across in other states, and it may be happening here but, for example, the coolant liquid that is used in transformers is a type of material which is hazardous to be disposed of, and what has occurred in some areas, apparently, is that that is added into diesel fuel which is one way they can get rid of a hazardous material. It is actually very difficult and hard on an engine, obviously, or could be, but it appears that there is a need to be looking at quality fuel testing more than had been true in the past, and this doesn't authorize any of it. It just is accumulating what additional information they have had since that '84 study, and if the Legislature was going to proceed, there isn't any question...by the way, this testing equipment is not cheap. It is like a million and a half dollars just for testing equipment.

SENATOR WESELY: Is there now a fuel quality testing program in