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position. I will take the town of Doniphan a few years back, I will try to make it real fast. A person in a rental house thought he smelled gas in the house. The Fire Marshal's Office was called and everyone's gas was shut off, and it went on several months, the legal ramifications of turning the gas back on. Then it was close to a service station, the service stations appeared to be...had some leaking underground storage tanks, five of them, possibly. They may have been leaking for 15 years. Then it become the question who is responsible for the leaking storage tanks? They had replaced three, put in three new tanks and did not remove the five. In my checking and working on this and a considerable amount of time, I found five locations in the town of Doniphan that I knew of that had old service stations. Some of them may have been cemented over. Okay, back to this, what does it have to do with this? I found the complications, I found the extreme amount of time. North of town is a landfill, about a half a mile from the main part of town. What happened last fall is when they decided to close the landfill in preparation for this legislation, the town was up in arms. Everyone had a solution. It has got clay on the bottom. There is nothing in that landfill that can't be. It resulted in four members of the town board up for recall. Also due to the gasoline being in the first layer of water at Doniphan, they had to put in a new well, 1.2 million, the opposite flow of the water. So what I am saying is I could see the complications caused by this one small town multiplied by maybe a hundred times, and that is what made me rethink my position. And with two members on, I should have thought it out more clearly before I made my vote the other day, but I could see that using Doniphan as an experience, we were subjecting ourselves to more problems than we could possibly handle or contain. And I will tell you, when it comes to garbage, when it comes to water, and so on, people have their own ideas and they really don't care about listening to anyone else. So we maybe need to get a little tougher on the rules and not leave it so open to discretion. And I am just using that as an example, and if Senator Johnson wants any more of my time, I will give it to him.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson, do you want...

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Morrissey, either one, if either one want any more of my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Morrissey.