

will assist them in cleanup. I think that's why I said earlier this program has a twofold benefit. One, it tries to help maintain the marketers out in our small towns and villages across the state, by giving them some protection; and, secondly, it avails a fund to the marketers to begin cleanup. And I think that's very important to all of us that, if a release does happen, that steps are then immediately taken to try and clean up that spill. That's...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...beneficial, I guess, from the environmental side.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. I have...Mr. Clerk, you have amendments to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. The first amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator, your amendment is on page 1073 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson.

CLERK: It strikes Section 23 and, I assume that's of the bill, Senator. It also strikes amendment number 11.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: As I mentioned in my opening on the committee amendments, we inadvertently in our committee amendments raised the fee under the fire marshal's registration fee. We have...trying to explain this to you. We have actually two funds, the Petroleum Release Action Fund, which is the cleanup fund, which is in the Department of Environmental Control. We also have the Underground Storage Tank Fund, which is under the Fire Marshal's Office, in which they receive \$25 from the marketers, currently, to inspect and do their regulatory activities. The tank fee is also \$25, which is paid to the cleanup fund or the Remedial Action Fund. We meant to raise the fee on the Remedial Action Fund for registration of tanks. So there was some complaints by some of the consumer groups saying the consumer is going to pay for all of the increase in the program funding. And the marketers will pay nothing. The idea was, well, let's have them pay some more by increasing the tank fee. And that's what we meant to do, but inadvertently, in our committee amendments, we raised not only