

government business law class from Grand Island Senior High, they are also in the south balcony. Will you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. And we have a guest of Senator Byars, under the north balcony we have his father-in-law, Jerry Busboom from Beatrice. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you all for being with us. Now we will proceed to speak on Senator Lamb's amendment. Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak on this amendment? Senator Elmer, did you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would. Senator Lamb, it appears that this amendment would also exclude many, many other people than just agricultural people. We have counties that have their underground tanks to fuel all their equipment. We have municipalities that fuel their city fleets, we have private companies that have large amounts of trucks, or cars, or various service vehicles that use these kinds of facilities and underground storage tanks. I don't think that this amendment is well thought about. Five percent is only like \$3.25 a year increase. And we all know that as time progresses that future Legislatures will be back addressing this as governmental regulations, both state and federal, change. We also realize no matter how many, whether you put 2,000 gallons a year, or 200,000 gallons a month through a particular tank, it poses the same environmental risks. I don't believe that we want to exclude underground tanks. One purpose of this is, where possible, to encourage underground tanks to be taken out of service and be made into aboveground tanks. I would, therefore, oppose the Lamb amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Rod Johnson, on the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess I'd originally said I was concerned about what Senator Lamb was talking about and later found out that the fund is available for those who are paying into the fund, and that includes those of us in agriculture. And Senator Elmer has covered a point which I've come to learn as well is important, that by the adoption of the Lamb amendment, as Senator Elmer has indicated, we will also take out of the bill those who are paying in currently, municipalities, counties, other groups, and also private organizations or private companies, such as the Nebraska...the railroads, for example, do not...who use large quantities of