

not been for his amendment that got on there and I put this up on the spur of the moment because I didn't realize he was going to have an amendment which would increase this tank automatically by 10...a tank fee by 10 percent a year for...there's no end to it, it's forever, it's forever and that's a terrible amendment. That's a terrible amendment. It's on the bill now. I can't support that. I can't support that because this means that every low volume user is going to dig up their tanks because the price per gallon is getting out...way, way out of line and we were willing to go along with it before, you know, for the \$100 fee, whatever, but this...this is the start of an impossible situation. I agree that my amendment probably is not properly written. I didn't have a long time to do it. I would be willing to pay something for having that tank underground but not an indefinite amount forever. So some kind of a situation where there's a volume, we've got to take into consideration the volume in there because the price per gallon for owning a tank is many, many more times greater for those with low volume than it will be high volume. And if you have high volume going through that tank, you're using this piece of equipment a lot more, you can afford to pay a lot more. And so if this amendment stays on, all I can do is have my tank dug up and I should not have to do that. But if there is some compromise agreement here where we take into consideration the volume of a product moving through these tanks so that the price per gallon for owning an underground tank is not out of line, I'd go for it. So between now and Select File I hope something can be worked out, otherwise I will be working to kill the bill and I cannot...you know, I can't support the bill at this point. I'm going to vote against it. Now I've been supportive of this concept because I think primarily these underground leaks are a society problem because for 50 years those people were in business out there and they thought they were doing what was legal at that time. It's like one of the people that testified in the committee said, I'm paying for my father's sins but my father didn't sin. And so I agree that that is society's problem. But we've got to have a more equitable system here because these low volume tanks are going to be put out of business, or I could get two 1,100-gallon tanks. I've got one 2,000-gallon tank. Maybe that's what I'll do. I'll dig up the 2,000-gallon tank, put down two 1,100-gallon tanks, then I'll be home free, everybody will be happy and that will work. But the situation we've got here now is inequitable. I can't support it and I will have to vote against the bill. I hope that part of it comes off, but if it doesn't, I will have an amendment on