

sponsor of the original legislation. I do not intend to continue those errors or to aggravate those errors. What we are doing today is to...someone said we extend the inequity. I believe it was Senator Beutler. Certainly. But what...to whom do we extend the inequity? Or to whom do we provide protection? What we have, basically, done is have provided protection for the largest, most prosperous distributors of petroleum products at, number one, the expense of the small operator; at, number two, the expense of the consumer; at, number three, the expense of the individual farmer. If Senator Lamb or I have a leak on our farm, my whole farm is 300 feet to water. It's no big problem. As Senator Morrissey said to me, what are you going to do, sue yourself? Absolutely not. There is not enough resources, are not enough resources in the fund out there to come out and effect a cleanup in my area, on my farm, because it's not going to impact upon anyone. I'm in the middle of the section, it's a mile to almost anybody else and so there's no big threat there. But the point is that we have not yet established an order of priorities. We have not yet established any manner by which we can protect the investment of the small distributor, and we have not provided any kind of an effective method where we can require the distributor of large volumes to make a substantial contribution. I believe those are serious inequities in the bill. I believe that to adopt the committee amendments at this time leaves us in the position of trying to patch up the bill on the floor. We don't have enough time today to do that, but we will probably, in a mood of desperation, we will probably advance the bill with the committee amendments. Ladies and gentlemen, that's a serious mistake. The bill needs to be hammered out off this floor. You cannot address this kind of an issue in the manner in which we are doing it at the present time. Each and every amendment must be considered in the context of how it approaches the bill in total. If the bill, basically, totally, does not solve the problems that were inherent in the original legislation, then the manner in which we are approaching it today does not do so either. Therefore, I will vote against the committee amendments and hope that the bill does not advance today.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Beutler, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, yours was the last