

stations in many of our communities. In other words, passage of this legislation in the previous session rendered certain property worthless. Many bankers discovered that property which they had carried as collateral alone had no value, in fact, had a negative value. Under this legislation today, we have the makings of a real disaster. We have also, by virtue of the automatic tank increased fee, set into motion the most desirable kind of situation that any government agency and I could ask for, the automatic increase in revenue. Ladies and gentlemen, as I said before, the secret of success in government is to grow, but just grow at a gradual pace, no one notices you, and then you can become successful. In this proposal, we have done that. I have an amendment, I believe, up there that will remove the language which requires that the backhoe operator be a licensed backhoe operator. One more little growth of government that came about by virtue of a well-intended agency director and I object to it. My principal concern is this, have we solved the problem? I don't think so. Number two, who pays for it? Not done equitably. Number three, is it going to guarantee that our small time petroleum distributor in the second class cities and villages across the state remain in business? No. Number four, is it equitable to the farmer? No. Number five, is it equitable to the consumer? Not at all. There are so many inequities in the bill, at the present time, that have not been addressed, that I really think we ought to go...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...slow. Unfortunately, on this floor if we don't understand something, we are much more likely to embrace it than we are otherwise, because none of us want to ask the tough questions. None of us want to admit, acknowledge that we are uninformed on the bill. A mention was made that Congressman Lightfoot said there was a problem with the bill. I'm glad to know the congressman has recognized that. That's where the problem started from, back in the Congress. I have some really serious problems in my district, third-party contamination. I have some other problems that I think need to be addressed. But we have not yet established a priority for the clean-up process. As I said, some areas need to be cleaned up and some probably don't. I visited in David City with some gentlemen...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...older than myself who said that in that town