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SENATOR R. JOHNSON: The smaller ones do not have to pay the fee. It's the larger tanks that will pay the fee and I think that's the area of objection here is that, and the answer to your next question is, why are we not treating people differently depending on the size of the tank? And I don't know if I can answer that. I can't recall how...when the original bill was passed that created this program why there was no distinction between the various sizes of tanks and the various sizes of marketers, or operators, or farmers, or ranchers, or private businesses, or municipalities, I just don't have an answer for that.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you. I would like to ask a question of Senator Beutler, if I could, please, now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Senator Beutler, how do you interpret hereafter?

SENATOR BEUTLER: How do I interpret hereafter?

SENATOR SMITH: Yeah, what does that mean to you when it...as the amendment states that "and every year...excuse me, thereafter, not hereafter, thereafter?"

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, every year thereafter, Senator, would just mean that on each January 1st, on each succeeding January 1st, it would increase by 10 percent.

SENATOR SMITH: I mean, could you go on into infinity, basically?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, obviously, it will not go on...

SENATOR SMITH: Shouldn't there be something that it's based upon? I mean, when would you ever stop increasing by 10 percent? Would there...would there ever come a point in time when you would not need to do that? Or do you not...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: ...foresee that?