

almost nonexistent. It's so minimal that the large stations don't worry about it at all. Then you go down to a farmer and I checked with my bookkeeper who doubles as my wife and she said we buy about 8,000 gallons of fuel a year and we have one tank and so, at \$100 per this tank per year, we pay one and one-fourth cents per gallon for the privilege of having an underground tank. Well, I was willing to go the increase up to the \$100, but with Senator Beutler's increase, you know, I don't want to go higher than that. I don't think we should be forced to go higher on those small volumes because not only do I have to pay that cent and a quarter per gallon, also I have to take the risk of a spill, underground spill which will...my up-front costs will be \$25,000, like it is everybody else, and also I pay the two-tenths cent like everybody else does for society's contribution to this, two-tenths of a cent on diesel fuel and I believe it's four-tenths of a cent on gasoline. I pay that along with everybody else. What it really amounts to for the low-volume user, you are forcing those tanks up on top of the ground and maybe that is what we want to do, maybe that's what we want to do. I don't know. I don't think that's the way to go. I think this tank fee should be distributed more evenly. As I mentioned before, I was willing to go along with the increased tank fee up to a certain amount, but with Senator Beutler's amendment it goes on up till the sky is the limit because when you get 10 percent a year increase without any limit and forever, you know, that fee gets high. So what you're going to do is force all the underground tanks for at least for most farmers and for many small stations, they are going to be up on top of the ground. I don't think that's what we want to do. That's what Senator Beutler's amendment does and so that's why I'm supporting Senator Wehrbein's amendment which would remove part of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, there are a few of us in the body that have become very, very concerned with the appearance of our Speaker. Therefore, we are presenting you, Mr. Speaker, with a tie this morning so that your appearance on TV will upgrade the appearance of our body. It says here that it won't help, his or mine? Oh, his. It won't help your appearance