

find the document here, but I read a document earlier that there are some states that only 60 to 75 percent of the people participate in a program. Now I can't tell you why those percentages are there, if it's because it is needs based or not. But that is definitely something I would be more comfortable with, if we can figure out a way to establish that need. And whether the insurance is available or not is a good question. During testimony on the bill, Neal Miesbach, of the professional insurance agents, testified in favor of the bill, said the bill was needed, saying the insurance was not available, and I can't distinguish now if it was because it wasn't available because it's not affordable, or just not available. Then we find out possibly there is some kind of insurance available. I've been told that, too, but I haven't been shown what a policy would cost a small gas station with, say, two tanks. I'd like to see that and I haven't seen it yet, and, indeed, what kind of insurance companies these are, and how financially sound they are. I haven't seen that yet, and I've asked to see it. I do remember, as I said before, two years ago they guaranteed us, the insurance industry, that this would be available. So I haven't seen it yet, and I'm still waiting. I'll be glad to see it. I would be glad to be able to go back to a private insurance industry, if they can provide it. Whether we need this or not, yes we do, possibly. If the Environmental Protection Agency tells us our pool is not to their approval, and doesn't provide third party, and our gas station owners can't provide a million dollars worth of financial responsibility, which would include third party liability, then they'll have to close their doors, my brother, by October 26th of this year. So if indeed the EPA says our pool is not sound because of the size, or because of the lack of available third party, and the dealers can't pick it up, then we're in big trouble, big trouble. If, perchance, they should okay our pool, and the dealers can get available third party, somehow through the pool or through private agents, then we're not in trouble. But, as Senator Landis said, that's a real big if. And I'd like to mention strictly back on Senator Beutler's amendment or lack of his amendment, if anyone supports the bill because the amendment is there or is not there, I think if the bill should then become stalled because of technicalities such as that, I think the consequences, if indeed the EPA says we're not in shape to provide financial responsibility, the consequences then would be disastrous, much more disastrous than the increased costs on these small dealers. So I think we need to move the bill, we need to work on the items Senator Landis discussed, and