

community. It is incumbent upon us to try to reduce the impact of federal regulations and state implementation of those regulations insofar as it is practical to do so. I think this is, while not something that I would totally agree to, it is certainly a reasonable amendment and would encourage the return to accomplish what needs to be done in this field in the most expeditious of manner. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Warner. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm not sure if I support this proposal or not. I guess I probably do. There are a couple of points I want to make. First of all, if I can do so today, I would like to check with the Speaker first to see if he would allow me to try to offer an amendment on this bill if, in fact, Senator Rod Johnson's amendment is adopted because I feel very strongly about the provision which I had originally placed in the statute which would have lowered the requirement to \$5,000 of up-front money for the small operators. There are many inequities in legislation. We try not to create those deliberately. I do not believe there is any comparison whatsoever between the small ma and pa operation and the large facility. To require the one to pay the first 15,000 and the other to pay only 25,000 is, I believe, a serious injustice. I am more concerned about the fact that the fund is going to be ripped off when you get above the 25,000 if we, in fact, do not watch the contractors very carefully. I want to recite for you an actual example that was given to me just this noon. Two young ladies, attorneys for a Mrs. Ruth Jeanneret of Brock, Nebraska, came to my office. I want to say this is one specific example, I'm going to use the names, but it is typical of many that I have heard. They came to my office, pointed out that their client is a 77-year-old resident of Brock, Nebraska. This lady lives in a small home. Her husband bought the station for \$1,000 back in 1944. They operated the station until 1949. From that point forward, they leased it out. It has not operated since 1989. She has never worked on the premises. Because of the joint tenancy statutes, she inherited this property from her husband. As of today, the complaint has been filed against her and an administrative order for cleanup has been issued and she is in the position of having to use her life savings to take care of the first \$25,000 of expense. In this instance, that means she will spend \$15,000. I think in her case I was particularly correct in trying to limit her expense