

homeowners out there, who will then be under the supervision of an agency, which will have to justify their existence. I also carried the underground tank bill, and I told you at the time that I had misgivings about it. Ladies and gentlemen, I have visited one of those clean-up sites just recently. More than one million dollars is being spent to clean up about 100 acres of land. You could have bought the entire farm for a fourth of that, and we all know that probably one of the largest economic development programs in the state today is the removal of old tanks, some of them not very old, and the installation of new tanks, and we have, in fact, passed a bill which has made a lot of property worthless. I am not saying that is going to happen here but what will happen here is this, that the federal government will say, okay, Nebraska has taken over the program, therefore, we will now be more stringent in our enforcement. I am just asking you again, most of you have been here long enough to remember the solid waste proposals, we were going to have all kinds of solid waste proposals. So we put a tax on tires, a buck a tire. We raised a lot of money. What did we do with the money? We had a study. We had a study for three or four or five hundred thousand dollars to tell us how to handle solid waste, and we had a bill which would have required the state to assist the local governments in disposal of their solid waste. Those communities which had disposed of theirs properly would be helping to pay for those which did not dispose of theirs properly. We have seen mandatory federal regulations on child support, albeit ten years after this Legislature substantially rewrote the child support laws, but no one ever knows how much it costs the State of Nebraska to come along and live up to those federal mandates.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Most of all, again, and I call your attention to the fact that I was the person who stood on this floor and said we have got to take this low-level waste legislation and handle it today. We have got to meet the deadlines. If we don't, serious repercussions will follow. I will tell you what has happened, ladies and gentlemen, that divided this state as it has not been divided in a hundred years, and we have spent tens of millions of dollars, and we have a Governor who says we are going to take a look at the entire issue again, and we have the Legislature, on the other hand, saying but we have done this in a responsible manner and we did. But the facts are that the results have not been responsible. Ladies and gentlemen, it is