

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Elmer. I have mixed emotions about this, of course, because I recognize that the vast majority of chemicals are applied by individual farmers and ranchers. And if we are going to require recordkeeping of the commercial applicator, then in order to be complete in those records, it may be necessary to require individual farmers to maintain those same kind of records.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Unfortunately, most farmers are perhaps not equipped at the present time to maintain those records in a manner which might meet with the Department of Environmental Control agency's approval. I guess my...I have mixed emotions about it. I can understand what you're trying to do. I just am concerned, I guess, that we're putting a really heavy burden upon farmers, penalties might be severe. On the other hand, I know that at the present time much property that is being sold or transferred, even for commercial purposes, has a very difficult time trying to trace the history of what might have been a hazardous chemical that might have been used on that property. As, for example, the property that was near on the river bank that was used to develop the riverfront development by ConAgra, millions upon millions of dollars were spent to clean that up. We know that now other problems exist with commercial property...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and my concern here is that eventually that same concern may extend to rural property and I'm sure it will. I want to talk about that a little bit more, perhaps.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Elmer, did you wish to address this further?

SENATOR ELMER: Mr. Speaker, are there other lights?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, there are.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, I will defer and then...to (interruption).

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Rod Johnson.