

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This is similar to the federal mandates on the other things Senator Moore discussed. And again, as far as the germaneness, to make everyone comfortable we opened up the entire act, we...and the Clean Air Act ties right in to the subtitle (d) because of methane emissions as they are controlled by the Clean Air Act. So, if we want, again, to run our own program and be able to design our own program, this...that is the purpose of us running the Clean Air Act now. If we don't get it done in time, the feds can come in and basically tell us how to set up our program, and we lose the flexibility like we do on all these other issues. That's why I agreed to give the Clean Air Act a hearing on this bill. I think it's important to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Lamb. I don't see Senator Lamb. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to clarify very, very well for the record how these fees are intended to be used and how they're graduated. In Senator Beutler's opening he led me to have the impression, at least, that the fees that are charged in the Clean Air Act can only be used in administration of this particular act, and not as a revenue source for other environmental purposes, just this Clean Air Act. Senator Beutler, is that the case?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that is the case. And I hope the language in 65 satisfies you. It satisfied the utility companies, and I think it will do the job. In any event, if you should ever discover it's not doing the job, we will correct it quickly.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Beutler. These kinds of fees that you...that we start sometimes look like a nice source for some extra revenue for some other projects from time to time, as we search for money. And I would hope that this would be one of those user type things, Clean Air Act, clean air fees to maintain clean air like gasoline tax to maintain the roads, as much as possible, check-off fees for product promotions for that product, and nothing further. Just wanted to make clear that I think that's what the legislative body really intends for this.