

watchdogging with reference to Douglas County, I missed. RaceCo didn't even occur to me but that is really...it's a Pandora's box, it is a kettle of spoiled fish, a can of worms, every metaphor you can think of that talks about a confused, bad situation. And in talking about the types of things that some county might try to bring in here, I missed the one that creates a stench right in my backyard, so to speak. So I am glad Senator Wehrbein gave that example. But here is the example I'm going to give now not with reference to a specific occurrence. Let's say something happened 15 years ago, whatever it might be, but the costs don't actually come due...let's say that there was litigation, the costs do not come due until some point between 1991 and 1996, that event that occurred all those years ago could become a basis for trying to get a claim. I am really wondering if we come back to the first part that I mentioned of the five years during which the costs came due should be shortened. I will look at that after this one, but this particular amendment tries to cut off that period preceding the five years. This amendment would say, in line 19, that this occurrence could not have just occurred at any time prior to that five year period but within three years of that five year period. That's what my amendment would do. It says, in line 19 on page 1, after occurred, you would insert the words "not more than three years" and here is the way it would read. I am going to go up to line 17 because it is talking about the costs to read it; these costs or expenses are incurred within the five immediately preceding fiscal years but which may be related to acts or incidents that occurred not more than three years prior to that five-year period and may be ongoing. Without my amendment, the incident could have occurred anytime prior to that three-year...that five-year period. So now to say it again, the costs, themselves, would have had to come due, the way I understand the bill, within five years prior to the time that the claim is sought. So that means even if they were incurred five years ago, you are allowed to sit on it for a five-year period. The costs can come due today and you can sit on it until the year 2001 and still qualify. The incident or incidents which created those costs could have occurred in the year 1901. It is not likely, but if there is no limit on how long ago the incident could have occurred, how long a period of time litigation could have been going on, just so the costs themselves come due within a five-year period preceding the time you try to get this aid. All that my amendment does is put a limit on that time before the five-year period. So, in effect,