

referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler to open on the committee amendments. (AM3516 is referred to on page 1266 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments become the bill. This particular bill, which deals with leaky underground storage tanks and the regulatory authority related to those tanks, has a lot of material in it. It's material that's come from work by members of the Natural Resources Committee and also work from Senator Warner's Quality Performance Review Committee. Because we're short on time and because it would actually be inappropriate for me to start explaining the committee amendments because Senator Bromm, the vice chair of the committee, has taken on this matter and I'm...really want to compliment Senator Bromm to start with for everything he's done on this. He's picked it up. He's taken it from beginning to end. He knows it from A to Z and so I'm going to let him go ahead and explain the committee amendments and the bill itself and, Senator, I want to thank you. I have a great committee and I have some really great members of the committee right down the line with different philosophies but with a lot of energy and people who are willing to take things on and get things done. And this is one of the best examples of a committee member who's really handled a matter well and, Senator, I hope you will take it from here.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bromm, you have a little less than nine minutes.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thank you very much, Senator Beutler. That was a very generous comment. Even if I had a good voice, I doubt that I know this well enough A to Z to be able to explain everything in the amendment, but I will do my very best. I've handed out, while we were on Final Reading, an overview of 1226 which gives you kind of a section by section clue as to the subject areas, primary subject areas that are dealt with in the bill. Attached to that amendment or to that handout, I should say, is an explanation of some of the major points, some graphs and other things which might help if you have the time to review some of that information. Now, I want to take what time we do have to hit some of the major points of the bill. As many of