

from collection from 5 million to 10 million because we...originally when this legislation was put on the books they had no idea what the cost of remediation was going to be and they had a 5 million dollar ceiling. Ten million seems to be more appropriate now and the floor, when the motor fuel tax is reduced, is increased from 4 million to 8 million. Another very significant part of the bill that I want to mention is that we have asked and we have required through this legislation DEQ to use risk-based corrective action principles in their decision-making process when they evaluate a site for remediation. In other words...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, I have an amendment from yourself, AM4186 to the committee amendments. (See page 1647 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, and this amendment, which has been handed out, 4186, is a very minuscule amendment. We have a...I started to tell the body that this legislation creates a more or less a task force within DEQ comprised of interested parties and people who are out there that have cleanup problems to review the administration of the fund as we go along and to make suggestions to DEQ on how to best utilize the monies that are available and the composition of that council or committee did not include any representative of the Nebraska Cooperative Council, so this amendment would just simply add a representative of that group because they have a substantial number of the cleanup projects around the state and are definitely an interested player in how this fund is administered. This technical advisory committee that I mentioned is an outgrowth of Senator Warner's Program Evaluation Committee recommendations, and it was received very favorably by DEQ as a positive suggestion. And this committee actually ceases to exist in about two years, March 1 of '98, but in the meantime it's hoped that this committee will help DEQ adjust to using risk-based corrective action principles and to implement the other provisions of the act. The...I don't want to be...I should not be the only one talking during the time that we have for this bill. I encourage you to look at the overview, see if there are any significant items that you have questions about. Would be glad to try to respond to those, either on the floor or off the floor, if there isn't time. I should also mention