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of private insurance so as we approach this June 30th, 1999 deadline we don't have a situation where a lot of stations either have to shut down or be out of compliance with the law. We received such a report and I have photocopied some key pages out of that report. I have the entire report here at my desk. I think it...yeah, it's right here if anyone wants to see that. But I would...I would like to have you take a look at the October 1, 1998, report signed by Tim Hall, Director of the Department of Insurance, and Randolph Wood, Director of DEQ. What they concluded led me to introduce LB 270 to extend the date for reporting releases from June of 1999 to June of 2001, with the committee amendment. I'm comfortable, very comfortable, with the committee amendment. It is my wish that we continue to examine and, to what extent we can, pressure the availability of insurance coverage for these owners and operators of service stations. That's where it has to be eventually, and those that think that that will never happen, that we will never take the safety net of the state out from underneath of them, I think they're...they're simply not dealing with reality. They will, some day, have to come up with their own insurance coverage. We don't like to put people in a position of requiring them to do something that is either impossible or so financially burdensome that it puts them out of business, and I'm not convinced that we have the evidence that for many of these owners and operators that it's possible for them to get insurance without...without having the state fund as a backup for a couple of more years. So, thus, that's the reason for the proposed extension of time. The conclu...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...the conclusions, which I'll let you read yourself in the report, in the excerpts from the report that I handed out, are...I think are relatively clear that insurance is either unavailable from a...a...an...what they call an admitted insurance company, one that is recognized in Nebraska as being a company that has met all the requirements to have the blessing of the Department of Insurance in the state of Nebraska, or it is...it is relatively expensive. It is probably not available for those stations that have had a recognized leak and haven't accomplished a cleanup. And, as you can see from the maps and the other information that I handed out to you, there are many