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SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...they have the animal waste control facility, the lagoon, such as it be, and from all appearances construction was done properly. They have not polluted the waters of the state, and the probability of discharging into the waters of the state to cause environmental damage, as it seemed on the surface by DEQ, is either nonexistent or minimal. In other words, they think the risk is certainly not to any great extent. And we have a lot of facilities out there that were not engineered the way they would be if they were constructed at this time. They've been existing, they've been operating, have not been a problem. For example, maybe the lagoon's slope...side slope is a different degree than would be recommended now. I know of a facility in my area of the state that has a lagoon, but the slope requirements of the lagoon would not meet today's standard, but yet it has not discharged, has not caused a problem.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time. Senator Schrock, yours is the next light on.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will continue the dialogue with Senator Beutler. And, rather than have them go to the expense, and it is quite an expense to reconstruct, re-engineer, we felt that, if they were inspected by DEQ, that they should not have to go through an expensive process, if they've been operating in what appears to be an environmentally sound basis. And so that's what we're trying to get at in that rection is that existing facilities should not have to go through an expensive process of re-engineering, reconstruction, if it appears like on the surface they are operating in an environmentally sound manner. I don't know if that's what you're getting at. In response to your question, on the surface your amendment appears to be...appears to be acceptable. I don't have a problem with it. It's just a little more language added to the requirements. So, with that, I don't know...I would turn the mike back over to you, if you have any questions. Is that what you were referring to, what you wanted to hear?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler.