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underground storage tanks, and the date that that expires. And we had a bill which came out of Natural Resource Committee and this amendment provides, basically, that we extend this for five years. And beginning July 1 of '09, the owner of any new tank...I guess it's four years, excuse me, because I think it was expiring in '05...the owner of any new tank at a site where tanks have not been previously located shall become fully insured through private insurance to cover the cost of any remedial action if there should be a leak or a claim. So while we are extending our act and our coverage, and based on the information that we did receive, there is some coverage for some situations, but it's still somewhat limited and can be expensive. And so this is an agreement that has been arrived at, and I would encourage supporting this component of the amendment. I do support the entire amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wehrbein, were you completed on your opening? He waives the rest of his time. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if you recall on General File, the most contentious part of this was probably the funding. And so we've tried to make committee member aware of what we're doing. In consultation with Senator Bromm, Senator Wehrbein and Senator Beutler, we have come up with this. It doesn't address the issue of funding in following subsequent years, and I'm sure we will be back next year for that. But I think it's the best we can do considering the financial ship of the state, and so I would appreciate your cooperation with this and vote to advancing it. I will try to make sure the money is spent very wisely, and I think we have able people in the Department of Natural Resources and in the Attorney General's Office that will also do so. So with that, I would ask for your advancement of this amendment, and I thank Senator Wehrbein for his cooperation on this issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Wehrbein, there are no further lights on. He is recognized to close on...did you waive your closing? He waives his closing. I thought you were waving at me, sorry about that. The question before the body is adoption of AM3390 by Senator Wehrbein to