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apologize, Senator Beutler, because I've had at least three discussions going on while you were introducing your amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: But I would be happy to discuss it further, or, if the bill moves today, to discuss it between General and Select File, too. So Senator Schrock, do you want any of your time back?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About 30 seconds, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, just briefly to say that this bill, the environmental covenants bill, is mainly to protect owners, as I see it, of these contaminated sites, and to restrict the use of those contaminated sites. And the best example I can give is a gas station that's had a leaky underground storage tank, and there's been some contamination of the soil and the groundwater below it. It's probably not an appropriate place to build a residence, but it certainly is appropriate for a parking lot or some other use. And...but then this environmental covenant goes with the land and has a permanent restrictions. And I think it's appropriate that we do that. And there are certain things that probably shouldn't be done on some of these sites. And one of the most obvious is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...that you wouldn't want to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Preister, let me say right up front, I'm enormously respectful of anything you put in the bill, because I know you have a deep-seated and abiding interest in environmental protection, and have become sensitized over the years to liability problems resulting from episodes that you and I are very familiar with in the past. But let me repeat what I perceive to be the problem, and then let me expand upon that and suggest to you additional questions as to why I'm worried about