

judgment in many cases in the past since their inception back in 1971. I think they would do it again now. I want to say also that when you question as to whether or not a fee should be established bear in mind that the reason for this portion or this section of the bill is this. I will give you a personal example and again, I will probably see it in the headlines tomorrow that Schmit has passed a bill in particular in order to get rid of his own DDT but I bought this DDT a number of years ago when it was legal for it to be sold. It could be sold. It was to be used in the control of corn borer, other insects on the farm. I woke up one morning and we found out the use of DDT in agricultural work had been suspended, therefore, what was at one time a legal product, a legal chemical, suddenly became an illegal product and cannot be used. Now I could have done several things with it. You know in the spraying business we get up early in the morning, four, four thirty, we fly out and we spray these chemicals. No one knew how much I had on hand. No one knew what I was going to do with it. No one knew where it was at. I could have very easily put it in the helicopter, flew across the cornfield and dispensed it. Some people might have done that. I don't know of any aerial applicators who did it but it would have been very easy and my problem would have been over with. I could have also at that time saved myself a considerable sum of money because Methoxychlor, the chemical which replaced it, was three times as expensive as DDT and I had to replace it with that chemical. I could have done the way I know an employee of a certain firm did in a neighboring state. He took that DDT that he had in excess, put it in the back of a pickup, bulled a bung on it and drove down a gravel road. Well obviously he got rid of the chemical. It does no longer bother him. He got it off his back. Nothing serious happened and so obviously he probably was smarter than I was and smarter than a lot of people who still have these chemicals on hand but I want to point out again....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...through no fault of our own we find ourselves in a position where we are in possession of chemicals which are now deemed to be hazardous. We have invested money in them. That money is lost. It seemed reasonable to the committee and to myself that if we expected those chemicals to be gathered together and disposed of in a proper manner, that it would be a good investment on the part of the state to allocate a certain sum of the funds to this. I will tell you very frankly if Mr. Drain decides that they are going to come out and pick up my DDT and he wants to charge me