

protect the public health and welfare by requiring persons who have control of dangerous materials, stored in tanks, to carry out certain duties. LB 383 requires registration of the tanks with the Fire Marshal, including listing of an emergency telephone number. Amendment 1075 requires underground storage of larger quantities of the dangerous, flammable liquids. Both the bill and the amendment provide misdemeanor criminal penalties for failure to carry out these duties. LB 383 makes failure to register a Class IV misdemeanor. Amendment 1075 makes failure to store as directed as a Class III misdemeanor. Far from being rongermane, amendment 1075 compliments and refines LB 383. I move for its return and then the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there any other comment on the germaneness? The Chair is ready to rule on germaneness. The ruling is that it is germane. Now we are on the motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Marsh, do you want to speak further at this time on that?

SENATOR MARSH: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Now then, Senator Abboud, do you have another statement on the motion to return for a specific amendment?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes. Mr. President, colleagues, when you are dealing with tanks, when you are dealing with chemicals, the statutes, a lot of times, just bundle everything together. If you look in our statutes, it has a different section dealing with criminal law, it has a different section dealing with tanks, it has a different section dealing with agriculture. We bundle different sections of the statutes to apply to particular problems that we have. That is fine with me. I mean you have to keep things organized. You have to put something under a particular topic. But when you are dealing with over 5 million chemicals, over 5 million chemicals are around, over 50,000 chemicals are used on a daily basis, you have to differentiate between the hazardous chemicals and the not so hazardous chemicals. What LB 383 deals with exclusively are those hazardous chemicals that are stored aboveground and the tanks have to be over 1,000 gallons. So if there is a problem, if there is a fire, or an explosion and the volunteer fire department rushes over to that particular explosion, or that particular problem, when they come in