

four. It provides also a definition of the council, and most importantly it provides a description of what a permit holder is, and the fact that a permit holder, not the applicator, will be responsible for any liability in case of an accident or noncompliance with this particular act. The committee amendments also provide for an application review by the NRDs of equipment used. That was changed from 20 days to 45 days. In Section 15 we increase the initial application fee to \$30, 25 of those dollars will go to the NRDs, and 5 will go to the DEC. A renewal fee will be provided for a \$10 fee; \$8 will go to the NRDs, and \$2 will go to the Department of Environmental Control. Section 41, we changed the dates to 45 days for review of proposed rules by the NRDs in circumstances where the Environmental Control Council sets out rules that they must comply with. Section 22, the Cooperative Extension Services are going to be providing training to the chemigators. For that purpose, a certificate that is provided to the chemigator will last for two years instead of four years. Finally, in Section 30, any violators of the Chemigation Act have only 10 days, not 30 days, to comply with the act. If they fail to comply with the act, then the district notifies the department, and they investigate and take a look at what is happening at that particular location. And if, in fact, the chemigator does not go about correcting the problem then, of course, the department can then revoke the permit from the chemigator, or the permit holder. Finally, in Section 33 we've changed when there is a Class III misdemeanor for tampering with chemigation equipment. We changed that to willfully tampering with chemigation equipment because there probably are circumstances where you may have to adjust the system. We wanted to make sure...make it known that we are trying to get at those individuals who willfully tamper and attempt to change the system without the approval of the NRD or the department. So, with that, that is a very brief run down. Recognizing that we are sort of under time restraints, I will leave it at that, unless someone should have some questions. But that is basically the amendments by the committee. I passed around a list of the section-by-section outline of the bill itself and exactly what the committee did to the bill itself.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit. We have amendments to the amendments. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the