

into as far as paper work, how much it's going to cost to do this very, what seems to me would be a very expensive operation, and is it really that necessary? It seems to me that we need to arrive at a system which is less cumbersome. I agree with the principle of the bill that we need to get a handle on any underground contamination there may be, but at this point I guess I'm not ready to advance the bill because I don't think it's in proper form.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Vickers, your light is on. Did you wish to speak?

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. President, Senator Lamb raises some questions that I certainly can't answer in the drafting of the amendment. I don't know where Section 4 is either. But it is not our intention to eliminate Section 4. I think if there is a problem in the section numbering, and I haven't had time to look through the back part of it to see if it is corrected in the back, on the last page of the amendment, then I think that can be...because it says renumber the remaining sections accordingly. Whether or not that takes care of the problem or not, I can't tell you. The only thing I can tell you is that this issue of whether or not underground storage tanks of all kinds had ought to be registered, I think is an important issue and that's the amendment. That's the basic amendment. The section numbers might not be correct, I don't know that. They may well be with this amendment. All I know is that the bill drafters' office did this twice in a hurry and I think I have a lot of faith in them. I assume they got it right. The issue of hazardous materials storage and the potential effect of that storage leaking and getting into the aquifer is not confined to service stations. It is not confined to commercial uses of gasoline, diesel fuel or other materials and, yes, this will be a little hoop that some farmers might not like if they have to pay a \$5 charge to register their tanks. But I think most of them recognize that the water quality is important to them as well. It is their families, it is their livestock, it is their life blood, if you will, that you're talking about. All the amendment does is it says we're going to create as minimal a mechanism as we can for farm or residential tanks to be registered so we know where they're at so we have some indication of the numbers and I think the \$5 charge will cover that cost. I don't think there will be any additional costs. We can discuss the issue of cleanups at another time. But I would remind all