

it is up to us, in this Legislature, to begin addressing the issue of how we are going to deal with the water, deal with soil, deal with the air. Those are the key issues either of this session or of the coming sessions in the latter part of the 1980s and into the 1990s. But I have to say, to be very honest with you, that we are going to reach that point on a piece-by-piece, bill-by-bill process. We can't go from point A, in this issue, to point Z in one step. It is going to be a lot of little steps and a lot of minor legislative bills. But 284 is certainly not one of those minor bills. It is the foundation for a lot of other bills to come. Let me give you some examples of that. We've got...we've already discussed and advanced the underground fuel storage tank bill which I think is near a point where we can pass that bill. We've already passed above ground fuel storage tank bill. We're dealing both in the Agriculture and Environment Committee and in the Public Works Committee the question of nitrates and water contaminates on that subject. I don't know if we'll deal with that issue this year, but it is certainly another part or piece in the plan. We've got another issue before the Agriculture and Environment Committee dealing with uranium mining and that issue will probably resurface again this year by my discussions with Senator Scofield. We've also got other issues dealing with water pollution, air pollution and soil erosion. Those are other environmental issues that will come up. But the basis behind all of those, I think, is this bill and the adoption of this bill. But there is one philosophical issue that is going to have to be addressed somewhere down the line. Senator Chizek, Senator Schmit and others have raised it and I think it is the super fund and how we are going to deal with cleanup of contaminates. That is an issue that is going to come to play in the coming years, I think. But at least we've got a step in the right direction if we pass LB 284. As I said, I think this issue more than any other is going to be the foundation which we will work from in the coming years. I am hoping that the issue, with the adoption of the Schmit amendments, will accomplish the goals that we want to reach this year. Clearly we will probably come back and reexamine the chemigation act several times in the coming years.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I have no problem with that. I think there are a lot of philosophical differences in this body.