

are going to go on this summer because it is going to be a continuing issue about who should pay for these kinds of accidents. Should the taxpayer pick it up. Should the irrigator or the industrial interest, or whoever, pay for all of it? I suspect that we will probably decide it will be some combination there or perhaps we will even come up with some new funding mechanism. But I would commend Tom for raising this issue and I would urge all of you to work with us to try to find some answers to that. I am going to vote against it today but I think it is a good issue and we need to talk more about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, do you wish to speak again on this?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me just ask how many lights there are on. All right. I will close, and then allow Senator Vickers to close, by saying this. I, too, would join as the introducer of this measure in a discussion of this topic in the summer as far as the super fund. I would be happy to share in that and to open up a process for some discussion. I second Senator Scofield's acknowledgement that this is a fair philosophical point to raise. It is, however, late in the season and before we jump from philosophy to lawmaking I would suggest that we interpose a public hearing, some discussion of alternatives and the development of some well thought out and precise language if we are going to follow that philosophical point. That is certainly within the realm of the possibility for the Legislature to do next year. I would bend myself toward that same end as co-introducer. I would just ask you, as somebody who has been carrying this bill through for now two years and for the three years before that, that it is the eleventh hour to make this kind of addition. I would ask you to not do so now and to give us time to reflect and deliberate and to fact-find before we undertake this particular philosophy.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers to close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, it is nice that I can come up with such good ideas that everybody thinks is wonderful but not too many people want to do it right now. We did, for the benefit of those of you that might care to know, this bill was introduced early in the session last year as evidenced by its fairly low number. This amendment was filed last year in last year's Journal fairly early. It is not something that has just sprung in the eleventh hour necessarily. It is not my fault this bill just now got to Select File on this late date in the session. (Gavel.) Thank you, Mr. President.