

polluted area for whom responsibility must be borne by the individual will find some method whereby the transfer will take place to an individual who has no resources, or resources will be depleted, and the state will, once again, be held liable. I think it's important that we discuss this, and I know that time is very important on this floor. But I think that sometimes we need to just fall back and reflect a little bit without blaming each other for the situation in which we find ourselves, but sort of discuss the situation and maybe find some middle ground which makes sense. Again, I know there are those who are concerned about the fund, and I am one of those, because agriculture bears a heavy cost of that fund. But, nonetheless, now that we have adopted the policy that we have, then I think we should strive very mightily to make sure that it is equitable. Many of these stations pump millions of gallons, are an asset worth tens of millions of dollars, and they have to bear the first 25,000. Here we have Mrs. Jeanneret at Brock, Nebraska, as Senator Morrissey has pointed out, a lady of very limited resources, a lady who is working today in a nursing home, that is 77 years of age, and cannot probably earn enough money in the balance of her lifetime to pay whatever we assess her, be it 5,000, be it 15,000, or, God forbid, be it 25,000. So, to the extent that we can get the Speaker's permission, I would hope that the bill perhaps just doesn't move to Final Reading again and be printed until we resolve the issue. Maybe we can all get our heads together, and I think that Senator Johnson and his staff, and other members of the committee, and Senator Warner, hopefully, anyone else who might be interested, and I'm sure many of you are, will be able to reach some kind of conclusion as to what is equitable and what is economically possible. So I like very much Senator Warner's suggestion that we consider ability to pay, because that ought to be one of the factors.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this motion? Seeing none, would you like to close, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President. My...I would like to clear up a point. One, is that this amendment, or this motion to return to adopt this amendment is not changing the basic intent of what we adopted on Monday. What we are trying to do is instead of forcing the marketer, who is below the 250,000 gallon range, instead of forcing them to pay the up front \$15,000, we're dividing it as we would...or the larger