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SENATOR SCHMIT: I move the adoption of the proposed amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Schmit's motion is for the adoption. Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Schmit, I just now got your amendment that you are asking us to adopt. Did I understand you to say that this meets with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency, to the best of your knowledge?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Mills, this does not meet all of the objections of the Environmental Protection Agency but it was not our intention to meet all those objections. It was our intention to provide a vehicle that would provide for certification, education and training and to limit the bill to that extent. I believe this meets all the legitimate objections of EPA. God knows you can't meet all their objections.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Schmit, what is the fiscal impact of this amendment. I know there has to be a fiscal impact here.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The fiscal impact of this amendment is about \$225,000, I believe. There is an A bill that goes with it and I think it is important that we discuss that, Senator Mills, and I am glad we will have the chance to discuss it here today.

SENATOR MILLS: Okay, thank you, Senator Schmit. Members of the Legislature, we are addressing an issue that is completely serious. LB 332, as you look in your bill book, you will notice how lengthy, complicated, complex it is and it does meet the Environmental Protection Agency's standards for the application and use of chemicals. Senator Schmit, if this bill were not so serious, I would move that we bracket this in that I do not believe that we are actually...we are actually being coerced by the Environmental Protection Agency to even pass this however watered down that the Committee may have brought this amendment, however it may be trying to duck around the seriousness of what the Environmental Protection Agency is trying to do, however it is saying to the people of the State of Nebraska that we in Washington, again, one more time, are offering you something here that you must do and this bothers me and should bother the members of this Legislature that this is not a carat³ bill. It started out as one that if the Legislature were to pass 332, then the Environmental Protection Agency would furnish certain funds for the training but this is not. This is payment on the part of the State of Nebraska. This does not really address the issue and, Senator Schmit, I don't think we really need this. I don't think it is going to do the trick. The only reason that I don't put a kill motion up there is because we haven't adopted the amendment, is the first reason, but secondly, secondly, the wording in here has not had a chance to be heard by the people of the Legislature nor the State of Nebraska. It has not had a Committee hearing and I don't think that