

money we want to spend, but that's normal for he and I. But the fact of the matter is that the body did make a statement yesterday that we want to spend some money on this problem. But I don't know if the body exactly knew what they were getting for a million and a half dollars, and I think there is a possibility we could do it for less. And I think we need to find out just how much it will cost to develop a plan. I think we need to draft some amendments so the cost...the General Fund cost of this bill does not jeopardize the other very worthwhile items in this bill. For that reason I think a bracket motion allows all sides to come to the table one more time and eventually draft a bill that I think we can have nearly unanimous support on, have a bill that really addresses the entire problem of solid waste in this state, and has a price tag that we can all live with, even maybe possibly over in the executive office. For that reason, I support the bracket motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senators Morrissey and Elmer.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, it was just a week or two ago that we advanced the bill without taking any more amendments. And I have two or three amendments to this bill, and I'm kind of anxious to get those up for debate. One of the amendments says that I would put a 10 cents per dozen tax or fee, whatever you want to call it, on disposable diapers. I think that we need to get more money into this fund from those things that are causing our solid waste problems. I know that we're addressing the tire deal, but there is more than tires that go into these landfills. But I guess I'd be willing to bracket for a week and maybe we can work out some of these differences. But I certainly don't want to see the bill delayed any longer. The amendment that we adopted yesterday, adding the million and a half from General Fund, was the right way to go, because this is a problem for all citizens in Nebraska, not just for a few, not just the business people, whether they be small or large businesses. So I just feel that we need to get something going and we need to broaden the base on who will pay for this expense. Some of the communities in my area probably don't have as large a problem as some of them across the other parts of the state because we do have an individual that has built a recycling plant and has an operation now at Yankton, South Dakota, and he picks up from 14 or 15 northeast Nebraska communities. So I'm going to go along with the bracketing motion, but I hope that we can get it up next week.