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SENATOR SCHROCK: The Department of Environmental Quality, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what rationale did they give you when they brought it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, the demand for this money is...the demand to use this money, and they right now have the authority to use 5 percent of the Waste Management Fund, the demand for that portion of it is greater than they can supply the money for at the present time, and they think this is a worthwhile endeavor and...and it's doing a service to the state of Nebraska and especially to our small cities and communities.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this the kind of project that was in mind when the first bill was passed that allowed the expenditure of that percentage of the money that you mentioned? Was this mentioned as one of the types of projects that that bill envisioned when it was passed originally into law?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You know, I'm not sure what was envisioned originally, Senator Chambers, I'd just be quite honest with you there, but it was supposed to be used for environmental issues and clean-up issues, as I understand, and certainly DEQ feels like this falls under that...under that category. Now...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you another question.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it was your time I wouldn't be cutting you, but I'm running out of time.

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, that's fine, and I'll push my button and give you my time if you want. ;

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. If there were some trees that are rotted, would this money be spent for that purpose,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: No.