

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, so that could still accrue to an amount that's around what, \$10,000, something up to that point, in my understanding from what I've read? That would still break a small business, gasoline business. But what I was wondering is, is there any way that you know of could, by establishing this fund, that a small business would be able to be insured then for the other part of that liability, that they would currently...what we're saying is they are going to have to pay the difference right now up to that amount. Is there any...in your understanding is there any insurance company that could be, that they could get to insure them on that first part of the liability?

SENATOR SCHMIT: What you're saying is could they buy insurance on that first 25,000?

SENATOR SMITH: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, we are hopeful that that will develop, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: See, that's what I was thinking, that we were trying to come out and do with this and that's why I wondered after Senator Wesely talked, if we weren't putting some mechanism in place. The only thing is, do we have any idea what this would cost?

SENATOR SCHMIT: We don't at this time, Senator, and we're not even certain that it's available but we hope that it will be.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, so we still...we have that question to be answered too yet then. If that question could be answered, I would feel a lot more comfortable about the fate of the small business, you know, throughout Nebraska. Is there anyone that is looking into that?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Pardon?

SENATOR SMITH: Is there anyone looking into the possibility...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.