

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Could you give me a little of the reasoning as to why the fee of \$1 per ton on nonrecyclable newsprint was taken out of the bill?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Senator Haberman, if I recall from last year's hearing, that Mr. Jim Raglin, the representative from the Nebraska Press Association, came in and he indicated some question of constitutionality of imposing this fee, and as I said, rather than argue with the Press Association over this fee, since it is a very nominal amount of money that will be generated, the committee chose to simply withdraw that funding source. As principal introducer of the bill, I would say that I have no problem with that, and, in fact, encouraged the committee to drop that funding source out of the bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do you know how much money it would have raised?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Approximately \$46,000 was the fee.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, how much money is the annual fee on businesses of \$25, sales volume from 30,000 to 200,000, going to raise?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That is \$775,000 was our...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Seven hundred and seventy-five thousand?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, that was the figure that was given to us. That is an estimate figure, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What is the estimate on \$50, sales volume at 200,000?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Eleven thousand dollars.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How much?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Eleven...oh, 11,000 businesses would be affected by the 50,000 (sic).

SENATOR HABERMAN: But how much money would it raise?