

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Senator Johnson, proceed with a brief answer, if you will.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I would just say, Senator, that the fee that we will be paying, the \$5, does not have a sales tax on top of that. The sales tax you are going to pay is on the automobile, itself. The \$5, the additional tax that we are placing now on tires that would go toward this fund to hopefully generate a grant program whereby we can get more done in recycling and also the landfill and the solid waste problems, so I am not quite following all of your questions, but, Senator, specifically, what we are on here in the committee amendment is taking off or taking out that part of the committee amendment which dealt with the fee on newsprint. If you want to talk about that, it's fine. If you want to talk about the entire tax, we can do that when we get to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, and members, folks, I voted against the committee amendments, against adopting the committee amendments to take out the newsprint fee in committee, and I would...I don't want to generate a lot of debate at this time, but if the committee amendments are adopted, I will come back and try and put newsprint back on later. And I want you to think about that, I want you to call your papers on a local level. The largest paper in my district, it'd be a \$60 to \$70 a year tax on them. The case for discrimination, I can argue that quite well, I think, but I am not going to do it at this time. I'd just urge you at this time to defeat the committee amendments. We have got to get started on this and everyone is going to have to help pay for it, so we are not really going to be discriminating against anyone. I urge you to defeat the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would make this point for both Senator Haberman and Senator Morrissey. Those newspapers out there are going to be paying that \$25 or that \$50 fee along with everyone else. Secondly, how much of the paper that is coming into this state is coming from outside sources? You add up all the magazines, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, every newspaper that comes in that is printed