

Johnson feels but I know he is going to make his wishes known. And one of the reasons that I brought this amendment is, again, to focus our minds on what is actually happening. In LB 163, we are bringing in a fee that will be used for grants and so forth to help communities with their waste reduction, recycling, environmental plans, whatever, as is my understanding. My concern about this is that a portion of this fee be then set aside for use specifically with tires, with old tires. I don't know if any of us realize in here but we generate in our state every year one used tire per person that is not utilized in some other way, and waste tires not only are unsightly, they not only, you know, contribute to fires, I think we had a fire earlier this year in our nation that went on and on and on, but waste tires, if you will look at the material that I have given to you, are breeding places for a new kind of mosquito. The tiger mosquito has invaded America, and I chuckle at that but it is not funny. This is a new mosquito that is new to the United States. It has been brought in in old tires. It is a vector for disease and I believe that we really need to focus on ridding ourselves of old tires by utilizing them in waste management or waste energy or something of this nature. So I would focus your attention on the page 9 of the bill, and what I have asked to do, since I have told you why, I think and I believe we need to do it. We already have had many cases of encephalitis in the Kansas City area because of this new mosquito that breeds almost specifically in old tire casings. This mosquito, folks, is not one that bites at dawn and dusk. It bites all day long. It is a very aggressive mosquito and it reminds us of that bee that, what is it, the killer bee. Now these are not killer mosquitoes, but they might be if you contracted encephalitis and died. So at any rate, please, I would like to read the wording to you so that you can see what would happen. All right, on page 9, line 1, before the word "There" insert "(1)", and after that insert "(2) The money collected pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and deposited in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund shall be used by a political subdivision or private entity only for research and development of programs and projects which will utilize used tires in recycling, waste to energy facilities, and other alternative uses." And you will realize it is the money collected on the tires, only. If you will look and see that there is a \$1 charge per new tire. That would be what would be used to develop waste energy plans or some way of using up these old tires that are a real problem in our landscape. And the other money, monies collected from business fees and so on and