

Senator Schmit.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, Senator Johnson pointed out exactly what I was going to point out, what we adopted with his amendment on LB 110 (sic). I have done considerably, well, work in my office and research in the last year, the same concerns as everyone else, on how in the world can we use the old tires and so on. Of course, the batteries are the same thing, and many things. In fact, I went so far as to really go into the details of using ground up tires back in our highway paving and so on. I found out that it is not a supply that is consistent and still not enough to be available to use for that project. I use that just as one example. I have some real problems, I know that Senator Beck means well and so on, but where in the wording of her amendment "funds shall be used by political subdivision or private entity only for research and development of programs and projects", I, too, have a concern because it does take too much out of the bill and I, also, see then private entity coming in and asking or maybe not utilizing the funds as well as they should have been, and the whole waste management is a big area that we need to address, not only the tires. I sympathize with the mosquitoes. I am a farmer. I know what...or a past farmer, I know what the mosquitoes do and I know, you know, what in the world do we do with the tires and the tractor tires and so on and so forth, but I think this narrows the bill down way too far, and to say that the fund is limited for this particular purpose, I have to object to the amendment also.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, you are next, but may I introduce some guests first in the south balcony. Senator Korshoj's area, we have 35 members of the Burt County Farm Bureau. Would you please welcome them to the Legislature this morning. Thank you. We appreciate your visiting us this morning. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I would just like to say that I appreciate very much the work that Senator Johnson has done. Rod has worked very long and hard on this bill and he has addressed a number of the problems. I also have a little different approach in LB 764, but, nonetheless, it does not mean the bills are not compatible or cannot be made to be compatible. I have a couple of questions, and I'd have to say that to a certain extent I can support Senator Beck's amendment because there is one concern. Senator Rod Johnson has