

might want to think about, Senator Johnson, making this...a part of this bill the requirement that the individual homeowner begin by separating their own waste at their doorstep. It is quite a little to expect a four or five dollar an hour individual who is picking up solid waste at four o'clock in the morning to separate the cans from the bottles, and the bottles from the paper, and the paper from the plastic.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is much more efficient, I believe, for that to be done by the homeowner. Of course, that takes a little work. It is not exactly the kind of work we all enjoy. We like to just dump it into a plastic bag and throw it out the door, and let some other person worry about it. But as individuals, we all generate solid waste. As individuals, we ought to be charged with the responsibility of some sort of orderly process in disposing of it. I don't want to take away from the fact that tires are a very, very important part of the solid waste problem. Mr. T.O. Haas, who has visited with most of you, has pointed out that they are also a very lucrative source of energy and could be utilized by power plants and other entities in the generation of electricity. We ought to talk about that more. But most of all, at this time, at least, and I apologize, I have not had a chance to talk to Senator Rod Johnson, at this time I would suggest that perhaps we ought to consider Senator Beck's amendment because it does not put the double...I don't want to put a double burden on the tires and leave everyone else out. Now there is an argument, and a good one, which goes along the line that says, well, we all drive an automobile and, therefore, we are all paying anyway regardless of whether or not we have a tax on white goods or a tax on newsprint. But I would suggest that that is the same old argument we use all the time when we want to pass a bill that is unfair, we say, well, we all pay indirectly. I think we ought to all pay directly and we ought to pay up front, and we ought to discuss that at more detail. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I'd rise to oppose Senator Beck's amendment, for some of the same reasons that have been cited already. I feel that we need to...we can't afford to, at this point, to focus this money strictly at the