

is discrimination. We are also discriminating against the tires, there's no doubt about it. Whoever we start with, with this waste reduction effort, an effort to fund planning across the state, will consider themselves discriminated against. But until we are ready to implement a tax on all products to encourage environmentally compatible packaging and waste reduction and the mountain of paperwork and regulations that are going to go with that, I think we need to get started. I think if you call across your district and ask your papers how much this will cost them, they may have contacted you or the lobby may have contacted you and said, this is discrimination, our papers can't afford it. My papers in my district, the tax on them per year would run from \$3 per year to \$60 per year to my largest paper, a daily in Falls City. So I don't think this is going to close anybody's shop. Again, it's an effort to include more people in the tax, include more people in solving the problem. We must raise as much money as we can to address this. It is a state priority. And I would like to think that we could get General Fund money, because it should be a priority, should be one of the top priorities for General Fund money. But we all know how that goes. The World-Herald and the Journal have stated, over and over, in editorials and in articles that they are very much for getting this program up and running. We must address the solid waste management plan. They say it's a very good idea, we've got to get after it, we've got to get after it now. But now they're saying, hey, don't tax me, tax someone else. I think that's very hypocritical, and I expect to see, after they sit back and think about it, I expect the newspaper industry to come out in support of an amendment such as this that will help get this process going, that will help the state address the problem of municipal solid waste. With that, I think we'll just go ahead and take a quick vote on this one, just to see what happens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the...the question is the adoption of the Morrissey amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Morrissey, six are excused. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails to be adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is