

just keeping the status quo, but rather actually making sure that the funds are going toward a projected goal of bringing these standards or bringing these landfills up to standard. Finally, we define what a business fee is. We also set a date on that, that the business fee collection would commence on July 1 of 1991, and we, like I said, we define what a business is. There was some questions brought up about is a business a law firm, is a business a dentist? We are not getting into the area of going into sales tax on services by any means. We are using the existing language that the Department of Revenue uses to define what a business might be, and we are trying to make sure it is retail/wholesale business, not service businesses. And I think that pretty much covers most of what the amendments are doing. The points of contention was, one, what amount of dollars should be put into tire research, and there... Senator Beck and some others had suggested that we put a certain dollar amount, a certain percentage of the fund into researching how we can either recycle tires or use them for waste energy kinds of concepts. We never settled on a particular figure because there was a difference of agreement in how much we should spend on that area, but there may be amendments to cover that later. Senator Hefner also was wanting to promote the idea of putting a tax on diapers as a way of generating some funds. We never really came to an agreement on that area either. So those, I think, will be covered later in some amendments that they may be offering. And, finally, Senator Morrissey did want to do something in the area of having some kind of a consistent statewide plan on how we proceed with solid waste and recycling efforts in the state, and giving some direction to our political subdivisions on how they might bring their landfills or their solid waste problems up to federal and state standards, and that may be covered in an amendment that he has. But this amendment at least incorporates some of the ideas that some of the senators had on the issue of this 163, and as I said, most of them are technical but for the most part they do cover some of the concerns that most of the senators had that wanted to see this issue resolved. So I agree with all of these amendments and we will see how it goes, but I would suggest that we adopt these amendments, at least, that help, I think, make the bill better and cover some of the concerns that some of the senators have, and then we can debate the other issues individually.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before discussing the amendment, the Chair is pleased to acknowledge the fact that our doctor of the day under the north balcony is Dr. David Filipi from Omaha;