

and I thought that perhaps we needed an alternative. This is not what you call a sexy issue. This is not as hot as, for instance, the low-level nuclear waste issue. But it is an issue which is certainly equally as important, if not more important, to the people in the State of Nebraska, and I think that the only problem I have with Senator Morrissey's amendment is that he didn't file it seven years ago. Senator Morrissey, it is too bad that you weren't here to do so. We are way behind schedule on doing some of these things. We are way behind schedule on a state plan, and I think there is an urgent need there. So I would hope that you would listen to the debate on this, and I hope that you will move to advance or to attach his amendment to this bill. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Morrissey and Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members, I am going to support the Morrissey amendment and I guess I would like to just say that that be the bill. I have a lot of questions about the bill in itself. First of all, I am always suspicious of a bill which raises a lot of money, dumps it into an agency, and says, God bless you, go out and do good things. I know from many years of experience what happens. Those who have get. There is not going to be much...I don't think there is going to be a solid waste coordinator from Bellwood, Nebraska. Now Lincoln already has one, and I can guarantee you that Lincoln will be able to demonstrate, as will Omaha, why and how they can use those funds and probably use them very well. They will not necessarily meet the needs of the State of Nebraska. I think that also I am concerned about the tax per business. As I understand the bill, and I may be wrong, there is a \$25 tax on businesses under \$200,000 gross, and a \$50 tax on a business over \$200,000 gross. I do not know if that includes the farm community or not, but I would almost bet that it will include Schmit Farms, and that means that Schmit Farms will pay a \$50 tax and my good friends at Goodyear and ConAgra and Union Pacific Railroad, as I understand the bill, will also pay a \$50 fee. Now I suppose that is probably equitable in some people's point of view, not in my point of view. I think that we have to recognize that we have talked about recycling for a long time, and I support it. I supported it, I forget the number of the bill which we have in the committee, which I think is a better bill. I appreciate what Senator Rod Johnson is attempting to do, but I would have to say that I do not believe that the bill