

ended on "if". How can we restrict importation if that is our wish? Some people may want it. Some may think importation of waste is good business. Some people may not think so. I think we have experienced that already. We need to address it now. EPA has indicated that we may possibly, and I emphasize none of this is written in stone yet, you may be able to restrict waste importation if that is what you choose if you have a state plan that is EPA certified in existence. You may be able to restrict importation if you are an active market participant in your own solid waste management plan. A city, if they are managing their own waste, they may. There have been court cases that have come down both ways, yes, you can; no, you can't. The EPA is very strongly thinking about allowing this, and, again, you know how that can go. Federal funding, if any, and this may be a moot point I will admit, but if any is available, I will guarantee you it is only going to be...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...available to those folks that have a state plan in place. Without an approved plan, you will probably be denied any funding. With that, Mr. President, I will wait until my light comes on again.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members, again, I rise in support of the Morrissey amendment, and if I had a little time, I might even try to do what Senator Coordsen said, or I believe it was Senator Coordsen said that perhaps it maybe ought to be the entire bill. I just want to point out that at the present time the fee is relatively small, and no one really objects to a \$25 fee or a \$50 fee on a business that grosses over \$200,000. We all know, however, that it is easy to add a zero behind any of those numbers. A zero doesn't mean anything, so we just tack on a zero, and we have increased the tax substantially. Someone said, well, that would never happen. On the other hand, it takes a pretty good tire today to sell for \$100, and \$1 tax on a tire is 1 percent tax. On a \$40 tax, or \$40, \$50 tire, it is a 2 percent tax. If we were to propose a 1 percent tax on automobile bodies, that would be \$200. Mr. Todd would be coming over here waving his arms, and screaming at the top of his voice, as would just about everybody else. If we were to propose a 1 percent tax on all other items which contribute to