

meetings in the mornings, but we have to realize where we want to put the money and where it will do the most good, I guess. So at the present time, I am going to support the Morrissey amendment, but I kind of agree with some of the others that maybe this should be the bill part of it. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schimek, on the Morrissey amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. Senator Morrissey, I, too, would like to ask you a question or two. As I said, I support the concept of this but there are a couple of things that I have noticed that I would like to have clarified. On line 10, 11 and 12 on page 1, it says, "Any discoveries from such study shall be made available to the public for implementation and use by the public as soon as possible."

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Does that mean then that the researcher would have no proprietary interest or the university?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The intent of that is to get that information out to the public as quick as possible. It was suggested in some reading that I have done that you could come up with this information, and because of reasons like that, someone owning that information, that it wouldn't come out for maybe years, a couple of years, and my intent is that if the information is available through the study, it should come out immediately. It should be the property of the people of Nebraska.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I have to think about that. I am not sure that I agree with you on that one, and I would like to hear somebody else who knows maybe how these things are handled normally in the research area at the university. My second question, going to the next line or the next sentence, I should say, it says, "The remaining funds shall be used for the preparation of comprehensive solid waste management plans by the state and its political subdivisions." Now I don't find anywhere in that sentence or anywhere else the wording as to who really directs this whole thing. Can you explain? You say the state but you don't get any more specific than that.