

additional dollars for a program that is going to have substantial need. So I would be reluctant to give up the tire tax and the business fee and replace it with just this fee. That was the basis of my response to Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Abboud on the Morrissey amendment.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Question.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We are voting on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Debate has ceased. Senator Morrissey, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Folks, I want to emphasize again, I am asking for a million, five to establish a comprehensive solid waste management plan in this state, a comprehensive plan, not just solid waste, hazardous, everything that we are going to have to be dealing with in the future here. The way...this should be implemented by the DEC. The Environmental Control Council shall promulgate the rules and regulations in accordance with federal guidelines, stay right with them, a half a step behind them, so the local folks have a flexible framework to work within to reach their own unique goals. We are not trying to nail them down here and say, this is what you will do. We are saying, this is the best way to proceed, see what you can do to do this, because a lot of folks are looking strictly landfill, and not looking at the long-term effect, the long-term cost. If you look at strictly landfilling, right now that is the cheapest. That is the cheapest way to go, no doubt about it, but if you want to look down the road, as we should be looking into the future, what is the cheapest in the long run, and right now I strongly believe the cheapest is an integrated plan that takes in all of these aspects. I think it should be a priority of this state and of this body. I am asking for the funding for it, and I want you, if you believe we need this plan, let's get this amendment adopted. It does not take away from the bill, itself. If you