

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, as far as what the plan will do, I did have the handout yesterday that gave you an example of how comprehensive, I want to emphasize the word comprehensive, a plan can be covering all of the many, various things I reeled off yesterday, that if you stand in your house and your local gas station and your local businesses downtown, and your local farmers, and look at all of the wastes, it's just unbelievable. So I'm addressing a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the state. My five-county area, my district, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson are spending right now, they have appropriated \$100,000, which they're spending is 78,000 so far on a solid waste management plan for five counties, that's solid waste, that's not a comprehensive plan. So they're spending. .they've got 100,000 appropriated, spending 78,000 to do their plan for five counties. So if we can get a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the state for 225, I think we're getting a heck of a deal. And that's what I want to find out. I want to check it out and I want to get a better feel, ask some more people across the country and some other engineering firms what that can run up to, because I do not want to kill it for the price tag. We made a good statement yesterday, this is a priority, it should be a priority. We want to spend money on it, now let's...give me some time to find out exactly what I think we need. I may come back with a million five again, if that's what's needed that's what I'm going to come with, because that's...I want a comprehensive plan. And that plan, one of the parts of that plan will be addressing broadening the base of these fees to address the problem in the future, the ongoing problem of solid waste management. So this one-time appropriation will be to get the plan up and running, and then it will also address fees across a much broader base that will continue to give grants for research and development, projects up and running and other folks siting and situating their landfills. When the broader base is there it just takes time to implement and figure out how you're going to implement it. You've got the tipping fees at the landfills, everybody pays, every load that goes in the landfill charges an extra dollar, that is collected by those folks and they pass that onto the trash generator, you and I are the trash generators. There is product fees, and on and on and on. But they're fairly complicated to manage and we need to look at that and take some time on that. And the plan will address that. So I just ask