

could ask Senator Hefner some questions, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How much money is available to use for this amendment? What do you see as a range of money? Is there any money there now?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Hartnett, this would compete for all the other uses, and I think we have probably five or six of those now listed in the bill, as the bill is amended. We don't know how much money yet. We are taking a million and a half from the General Fund. This was Senator Morrissey's amendment a couple of days ago, and also we don't know exactly what we will get out of the \$25 and \$50 fee. So this would compete with all of those others.

SENATOR HARTNETT: DEC then would decide...who would make the decision of...

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, I haven't changed that at all, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: DEC would decide...

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...how to use the money. Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, and members, Senator Hefner, I, too, would like to ask you a question, and I apologize. I wasn't listening very carefully except I want an expansion on this. What do you have in mind when you say "capital assistance to establish", and say to privates?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Wehrbein, I have in mind to help public or private people develop recycling plants so that they could produce some of these combustible pellets that we could use to heat whatever buildings we care to heat. I said previously that I had a constituent from my district that has gone to Yankton, South Dakota and built a recycling plant. And the reason he went to South Dakota is because he could sell these pellets,